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GRIM ORDEAL OF TIENTSIN

Merciless Shelling Of City Confusion And Panic In Downpour Of Red Shells

Tientsin, January 14.

Death, desolation and despair descended upon the whole of Tientsin today when Communist artillery opened up a merciless and incessant bombardment of the city.

Utter confusion and panic reigned as the city's two million inhabitants, both foreign and Chinese, ran about like trapped rabbits in search of places of safety.

Casualties among refugees and destitutes mounted every minute in the downpour of steel, which began early this morning and was still showing no signs of any lull when this despatch was filed this afternoon.

Several streets have been roped off by the local authorities where shells landed without exploding.

The whole of the former British-French Bund and the next parallel street, which constitutes the main thoroughfare of the city, underwent hectic blinding by high explosives.

Shells landed all around the International Bridge, which is believed to be one of the Communists' targets.

To add to the confusion, the city's telephone service was disrupted in the course of the morning.

Anti-aircraft shell bursts were seen over the centre of Tientsin when a solitary plane appeared overhead.

Nationalist mortars and cannons sounded as coming from deep inside the city, indicating that Communist targets were not too far off.

Gordon Hall Shattered

Gordon Hall, seat of the City Government, was shattered by a direct hit, while the Italian Club, which was recently transformed into a hospital, has been hit twice.

Reuters Office and Kiehl's, Tientsin's best known cafe, are among the other buildings hit, while windows in the British Consulate-General were shattered by a near hit.

A shell landed in Victoria Park and threw up a huge column of dust. The French Consulate moved to the cellar this morning for greater safety.

Reuters in Shanghai learns that all the windows of the United States Consulate-General were shattered and the light plant of the radio station was put out of commission when a shell landed on a nearby ammunition dump.

The Director of the United States Information Service and a Chinese girl employee were reported to have been injured by flying glass.

Peiping Too

Urgent action is imperative on the part of Nanking to save Tientsin from being laid waste, observers here said today. This great Northern port city cannot wait while the Government authorities sit around seeking some "face-saving" formula, which would mean surrender anyway, they added.

In Nanking, two of the Defence Ministry's four radio stations

STOP PRESS

Shanghai, January 14. Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist leader, in a broadcast today, called for abolition of Chinese treaties with the United States and trial of "war criminals" among eight prerequisites to peace talks.

The Red leader, in a Chinese-language broadcast heard here, also demanded "trial of war criminals," presumably to follow any peace move. Mao, accusing Chiang Kai-shek of warring against the Communists because he was lured by the glitter of American weapons, called upon the Nationalist leader to show the sincerity of his desire for peace by accepting Mao's conditions. Associated Press.

Chiang Order To Fight On

Nanking, January 14. President Chiang Kai-shek today instructed his armed forces to fight the Communists without any let-up pending a peaceful settlement.

The Social Welfare Daily said that in a meeting with his army, navy and air force commanders last night, the Generalissimo said the Communists are now taking advantage of the Government's peace move to intensify their attacks as shown by the war in Tientsin and South West of Hanchow.

He told the commanders, therefore, not to relax resistance against the Communists on account of the peace movement. United Press.

maintaining contact with Tientsin ceased functioning at mid-day today.

The reason is unknown, but it is believed they have been put out of commission by shells. Rumours that the Chinese Government radio administration's link with Tientsin was interrupted this afternoon were denied by a company official.

Meanwhile, shells from both Communist artillery and anti-aircraft guns are falling into Peiping, as the Reds continue their determined effort to halt air communications with the old capital.

British Sloop At Taku

At least one person was killed and several wounded when an artillery shell exploded near the East Gate of the Forbidden City during one attack.

Other casualties were caused by Red anti-aircraft shells which fell into Peiping as gunners fired at Government aircraft from positions outside the walls.

Despite gale conditions, the British sloop Alacrity, which arrived outside Taku Bar from Shanghai at dawn today with food supplies for two Britons and their native staffs, successfully completed unloading of the provisions into the Butterfield and Swire tug this morning.

The tug was specially sent from Tangku to contact the sloop, which anchored outside the three-mile limit.

Chiang To Stay

There was no opposition to the view that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek should remain in Nanking as President of Nationalist China at an informal meeting of more than 100 Kuomintang leaders today. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Sun Fo, Prime Minister.

HEAVY SNOW IN SIBERIA

Moscow, January 14. Thousands of railwaymen and other workers have been working continuously for three days to clear snow-bound railway lines and roads in the Barlaid region of Siberia.

The snow, which fell during a fierce storm on Tuesday night, was five metres deep in some places. Reuter.

and attended by the Kuomintang Executive Committee and some members of both the Legislative and Control Yuan.

Speakers criticised Kuomintang members who seek peace with the Communists without outlining practical plans for obtaining it.

Peace can not be obtained unless the Kuomintang is prepared to fight on, they declared.

There was a sharp exchange with the well-known peace advocate, Mr. Shao Li-tse, during the debate, according to reliable sources.

The Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chun, read letters and telegrams said to have been exchanged with General Pao Chung-hsi, Commander in Central China.

General Chang again emphatically denied reports that General Pao wants President Chiang to resign. Reuter and Associated Press.

Red Fleet Sees Red

Moscow, January 14. The Russian Navy newspaper Red Fleet inferred today that the American Navy and Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger are trying to embroil the United States in Chinese internal affairs.

Red Fleet quoted the China Weekly Review as saying: "The first place among groups who stand for active interference of the United States in Chinese internal affairs is occupied by the American Fleet. The navy considers it obligatory that the China shore remain in the hands of a friendly government."

The paper accuses Americans of making a deliberate attempt to "decide public opinion" recently by spreading contradictory rumours on the chance that American Marines will be moved out of China.

Admiral Badger is commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in the Western Pacific and is in charge of American Marines in China. Associated Press.

MacArthur's New Ruling On Japan

Washington, January 14.

The U.S. Army said yesterday that foreigners will be allowed to invest limited sums of money and acquire business properties in Japan.

A new SCAP circular, and directive to the Japanese Government issued yesterday morning broadens the scope of business activities permitted foreigners.

The Army said: "As an essential part of the expanded business programme, post-war entrants now may acquire or lease residential properties for their own bona fide individual, full or part time use without SCAP permission on the same basis as the Japanese."

"However," it added, "Japanese real estate acquired by any non-Japanese or by a foreign controlled firm for business purposes, either by purchase or long term lease, will require validation by both SCAP and the Japanese Government or the transaction will be void."

The Army continued: "Effective today this requirement applies not only to commercial enterprises, but to acquisition made by all foreign national and firms owned or controlled by them."

The Army emphasized, however, that this new regulation does not apply to occupation personnel. The Army said: "Occupation personnel still are prohibited from engaging in business in Japan."

General MacArthur's action results from a directive approved by the Far Eastern Commission six weeks ago. This directive provided for further expansion of the restricted trade regulations governing Japan's foreign trade, and foreign businessmen visiting Japan.

The new regulations are considered as in line with the new economic programme General MacArthur recently directed the Japanese to undertake immediately.

While the economic programme primarily concerns things the Japanese must do to achieve greater economic recovery, more foreign trade is an important part of the overall objective of the Pacific allies, especially the United States.

These nations feel increasingly that the Japanese must push along toward economic recovery primarily by their own efforts.

The FEC met yesterday in exploration of labour policies in Japan and other pending matters. Associated Press.

Princess At Circus



Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by Cyril Mills, smiles as she passes Percy Huxter, the clown, who she arrived at Olympia, London, for Bertam Mills Circus. Behind them (centre background) is Bernard Mills. (AP Photo).

Rickmobile To Be On The Streets In Near Future

Another change in the Colony's traffic will shortly take place when all the present man-pulled rickshaws will be replaced by a motorised version known as the "rickmobile."

The change will take place when tests to establish operational costs—on which will be based the rates to be charged—are completed in the very near future.

Then these modern versions of China's age-old passenger-carrying man-powered vehicles will be authorised on the streets, the "China Mail" learned from reliable sources yesterday.

The question of fixing standard rates, and also that of granting a franchise to interested operators is under consideration.

Several well-known local business houses have shown great interest in the project.

Some already have applied for permission to operate, a rickmobile company along similar lines to the present taxi companies.

No decision, however, has been taken by the authorities regarding permission to operate such a company, it is learned from a well-known firm interested in this new enterprise.

This firm believes that this question probably will be decided by Government through the calling of public tenders.

When all the preliminary questions are settled, the rickmobile will be put on the streets in gradual stages with the ultimate aim of completely replacing the old-fashioned rickshaws.

Being a motor-powered vehicle, the present rickshaw coolies will have to undergo a special course of training on how to operate the new vehicle.

They will have to pass police tests before being licensed to drive.

It is understood that a number of models have been submitted to the authorities for approval.

It is very likely that more than one model, as in the case of other public vehicles, will be authorised to operate on the streets.

The rickmobile carries two passengers with the driver in front, and has gone through a number of tests under the Traffic Department.

It is understood that the tests were satisfactory.

To Promote Tolerance

Proctor, January 14.

General Jan Smuts, South African leader of the United Party Opposition, today announced that a foundation to promote the ideals of racial tolerance and collaboration will be set up as a memorial to the late Dr. Jan D. Hofmeyr, the Finance and Deputy Premier in the former Smuts Government.

General Smuts said it is proposed to invite the public to subscribe to a fund to be invested by trustees and utilised through scholarships, books, pamphlets, and educational grants to commemorate the late life work of a great South African. Reuter.

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DEBTOR ORDINANCE: CHAMBER'S ACTION

Representations will be made to Government by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce for amendments to the Debtor-Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance 1948.

The amendments sought are that no interest should be charged for the occupation period. It will also be suggested that the ratio between the Military Yen and Hong Kong Dollars be readjusted.

It is contended that the value fixed for the Military Yen in the early stages of the occupation was entirely incommensurate with its actual value at the time, and that it should be assessed at a much higher value in terms of Hong Kong notes.

Another amendment sought is that debt repayments during the occupation, which had been acknowledged by creditors or by their legally appointed agents or attorneys, should be deemed valid discharges of such debts, irrespective of whether there were demand notices for repayment or not, whether such repayments were due or not, and whether or not such repayments were made more than three months after the service of the demand notice.

The decision to make these representations to Government was taken at a largely attended meeting of the Chamber held yesterday afternoon and presided over by its chairman, Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung.

Small Fire At Kowloon Dockyard

Volumes of black smoke soaring skywards from the Kowloon Dock shortly before 1 p.m. yesterday attracted considerable attention both in Hong Kong and on the mainland.

Speculation was rife that another ship was on fire. Within 15 minutes, however, the smoke completely disappeared.

Cause of the fire and smoke was some waste oil which had accumulated in a bomb crater. For some unknown reason it ignited and sent forth volumes of black smoke.

The Dockyard Police under their superintendent, Mr. Blenkinsop, with the assistance of three fire engines from the Fire Brigade put the fire out within 15 minutes.

There were no casualties and no damage was done to property.

River Ship In Mishap

About 500 tons of water had to be pumped overboard before the river steamer Wusueh could free herself from a mud bank on to which she ran on her way to Hong Kong on Thursday.

The Wusueh left the Colony last week-end carrying medical relief supplies for Chinese medical aid health agencies in South China sent by the Economic Co-operation Administration, as part of the Marshall Plan.

She ran aground shortly after leaving Canton, and it took about 10 hours before ballast water was pumped out.

No damage is reported. The vessel had no cargo.

The Wusueh is returning her Macao-Hong Kong service for Butterfield and Swire.

BRITISH SHIP LIMPS IN

Copenhagen, January 14. The 845-ton British steamer Kulceast limped into Noerresundby Harbour near Aalborg, North Denmark today with a list of 20 degrees.

She was sailing from Sweden to Britain with a load of timber when heavy seas in the Kattegat shifted her cargo and carried much of the upper-deck stowage away. Reuter.

The Weather

At 6:00 GMT (8 p.m. HKT) a moderately intense anticyclone continues to dominate China and the surrounding seas, and a weak high pressure is moving into the Pacific to the E. of Japan. A depression is moving NNE across N Korea and S. Japan. A tropical depression is expected to develop over the Western Caroline Islands.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh W winds. Fine. Continuing cool and dry.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 24.4 deg. F. Minimum: 22.4 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.4 in. Humidity: 82%.

Hourly: 6 a.m. 24.4, 7 a.m. 24.4, 8 a.m. 24.4, 9 a.m. 24.4, 10 a.m. 24.4, 11 a.m. 24.4, 12 m. 24.4, 1 p.m. 24.4, 2 p.m. 24.4, 3 p.m. 24.4, 4 p.m. 24.4, 5 p.m. 24.4, 6 p.m. 24.4, 7 p.m. 24.4, 8 p.m. 24.4, 9 p.m. 24.4, 10 p.m. 24.4, 11 p.m. 24.4, 12 m. 24.4.

SHANGHAI ROCKED BY EARTHQUAKE

Shanghai, January 14. Shanghai was rocked by a short but fairly sharp earthquake at 10.20 a.m. today.

The quake lasted five seconds, during which workers on top floors of skyscrapers distinctly felt their buildings swaying. No damage was reported. Reuter.

Dutch May Disobey UN Order

Lake Success, January 14.

The Netherlands is reported to be ready to inform the United Nations that the Dutch will ignore any orders to retire from territory recently occupied in Indonesia.

This was indicated by a Dutch spokesman at the Security Council who was called for an afternoon meeting to continue debate on the Indonesian question.

The spokesman said the Netherlands will never comply with any resolution which calls on the Dutch to withdraw to the areas they held before their December attack put them in possession of territory formerly held by the Indonesian Republic.

The United States is opposed to any further efforts to order a Dutch troop withdrawal from Republican territory. American sources said. The U.S. delegate, Philip C. Jessup, does not want the Council to take another rebuff.

The U.S. and some other delegations are primarily interested in getting the Council to make sure that elections will be held in Indonesia in the near future and in getting the Dutch to transfer control to the projected united states of Indonesia at a definite time.

The Dutch probably will reaffirm their pledges to grant independence to Indonesia and may even give a definite indication as to a time-table to which the Netherlands will adhere. Associated Press.

BIG OPIUM HAUL

Singapore, January 14. Customs officials today seized 37,500 lbs. worth of opium, the biggest haul of its kind since the liberation, and arrested five persons. Associated Press.

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SCA'S COMMENTS ON NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Personalia

Mrs. Fong Cho Sen-wan, Mrs. Yee Ma Fong-ho, Messrs. Lee Sek, Cheng Dig and Lee Han-seng left for Singapore yesterday by CPA.

Arrivals from CPA from Manila, Bangkok and Singapore yesterday included Messrs. H.H. Bankline, Edmund Sun, Charlie B. T. Lim and Po Eng-lat.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Cuthbert Allport, Tether, assistant accountant of Flat D 128 Waterloo Road, and Miss Ruth Litvin, of 8 Salisbury Avenue.

Mr. R.C. Edyeven left Hong Kong for Singapore by the ss. Hanyang yesterday.

Messrs. Antonio Luban, Oscar Achilber, E. Han, Jose Bejo, Can Hop, and Leong Wan-chun arrived in the Colony yesterday from Manila by CPA.

Messrs. Li Niam, Ng Bon-ting, Chan Guan, Francis Gines and Maw-ho G. left for Manila yesterday by CPA.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mrs. C.E. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. M. Giam-covich, Mrs. G.D. Cross, Messrs. A.E. Hausman, G. Drummond, W.C. Tien, H.T. Kwong, F.W. Dacernman, and C.L. Yuen.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Howley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stern, Mrs. M. Flaw-tow, Mrs. P. Jenny, Mrs. M. Sche-feld, Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Rights, Mrs. F.E. Elliot, E.E. Maden, J.T. Buckley, A. White, M. Taylor, L.G. Pillerin, P.E. Shoudy, and B.M. Desai.

General Sir Neil Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, will visit Hong Kong between January 25 and 27 on a routine inspection visit. He will be met by a number of honours formed by 25 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, at Kai Tak on his arrival on January 25 and during the following two days will visit units in Hong Kong and the New Territories. General Ritchie will leave by air on January 28.

The importation of soap and sulphate of ammonia, no longer requires a special import licence, it was announced in the Government Gazette yesterday.

The Hong Kong Rotary Club will not meet on Tuesday for its weekly luncheon.

There has been a noticeable increase in sexual crimes against women and children in the past year—almost a case a week—said Mr. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, yesterday.

Indecent articles in Chinese newspapers may have been a contributing factor by putting wrong ideas into the heads of the younger generation, he added.

Mr. Todd was speaking at Central Magistracy when a charge of publishing an article of an indecent nature was brought against a Chinese newspaper.

Mr. Todd addressed the court after permission had been granted by the Magistrate, Mr. F. X. d'Almeida.

Appearing before Mr. d'Almeida were the publisher and printer of the Hung Luk Man Po, Yum Wu-fa and Wu Chiu-mo.

They were also charged with failing to affix the printer's address. Both pleaded guilty.

Inspector C. T. Byron of the SCA prosecuted. First defendant, asking for leniency, said that when the article was published he was sick. An error had been made. The paper had been published since 1937. This was the first offence of this kind.

Anxious Parents

Before sentence was passed, Mr. Todd said he considered it his duty to do everything possible to put an end to publication of obscene matters in the Chinese newspapers.

Obscene articles had often been brought to his notice by Chinese members of the community, who are naturally anxious that they should not fall into the hands of their children.

The test of obscenity was whether the tendency of the matter alleged to be obscene was to deprave and corrupt those whose minds were open to such immoral influence.

Mr. Todd said there has been no press censorship since the war. Government does not desire to re-establish it but Government has a right to expect the press to behave in a responsible manner. Under the present Indecent Exhibitions Ordinance, No. 3 of 1918, the maximum penalty is a fine of \$250 or three months. He intends to ask Government to pass amending legislation, increasing the penalties.

Since friendly warnings had been ignored, assurances given in court had not been kept and fines were no deterrent, he asked the court to impose penalties, namely, imprisonment, on any of the present defendants with a previous conviction for such an offence.

BOAC IN YEAR 1948

Aircraft of the British Overseas Aviation Corporation flew a total of 366,500,000 passenger miles during 1948, it was officially stated yesterday.

Passengers carried during the same period numbered 119,343—an increase of 22.2 per cent over the number in 1947.

Freight totalled 3,106 tons—83.8 per cent more than the figure for 1947—and mail amounted to 1,720 tons—an increase of 8.6 per cent over the previous year.

During the period under review, BOAC opened the first British civil air service from the United Kingdom to Japan, and introduced the new Spirit flying-boats on the United Kingdom-South Africa route, and Constellation land planes on the service between the United Kingdom and Australia.

The BOAC flies 150,000 route miles stretching from Montreal to Sydney.

REGISTRATION FEES AMENDED

Land registration fees for the New Territories have been amended by Governor-in-Council by the New Territories (Land Registration) Regulations, 1949, which will come into force on February 1.

The new fees are 20 cents for every \$100 or part thereof, \$5 for the first lot, and 20 cents for an additional lot or lots. For the first lot, and 80 cents for each additional lot—no maximum limit; and \$1 for the first lot, and 50 cents for every additional lot or part thereof, with the maximum fee of \$10.

Court's Warning To Shopkeepers

Another warning to shopkeepers not to accept prices published in the vernacular papers as official was issued by Mr. W. H. Latimer and Mr. J. H. G. Pitman at Kowloon yesterday. Two of the 10 shopkeepers summoned for selling evaporated milk at an overcharge of 10 cents claimed that the price they quoted (90 cents) was 30 cents below that listed in a vernacular paper on December 1, 1948.

Mr. Latimer further warned black marketeers that all summonses for not having a price tag on controlled goods will carry with them a penalty of \$50 each, instead of \$25 as before.

Fook King-yuk of the Ming Tak store at the side door of 214 Yu Chau Street, and Wong Fung of the Yuen Cheung Loong store of 123 Shanghai Street, were fined \$150 each, after Mr. Pitman (Price Control Officer, Inspector) had informed the court that defendants had been warned in December.

The Tai Sang store of 164 Canton Road was fined the same amount for overcharging 75 cents on a tin evaporated milk. Fines of \$125 each were imposed on the Shing Cheong Lee of 82 Halfpenny Road, the Lum Hop store of 41 Fillet Street, and the Yee Koo store of 1040 Canton Road, for profiteering in the same commodity.

The Wing Koo store of 189 Nan Chang Street was mulcted in the sum of \$100 for selling a small tin of evaporated milk for 60 cents instead of 55 cents.

Excess Charge

Summoned only for excess charge, the Koi Fung Ho store of 1081 Canton Road, the Sang Hong store of 845 Shanghai Street, and the Man Koo store of 141 Tung Choi Street, were fined \$75 each. They sold evaporated milk.

For charging 40 cents too much on a tin of milk powder, the Mei Ah store at the side door of 577 Nathan Road, was fined \$75. The plea that his store started business only the day before he was visited by Price Control inspectors being accepted by Mr. Pitman, Lai Wan of the Chi Shing store of 214 Tai Nam Street was discharged with a caution when he was summoned for selling a small tin of evaporated milk for 10 cents more than the controlled price.

Fined \$40 in April last year, Lam Kuan of the Law Kuan Kee store of 152 Shanghai Street was fined \$100 yesterday for selling a tin of toothpaste at five cents more than he should.

Instead of charging \$2.80 for a bottle of a certain emulsion, Lam Kook-wai of the Chung Wah Drug and Wine Store of 49 Nan Chang Street sold it for \$3.10, or an excess of 30 cents. Yesterday, he lost \$100 to the court.

TSE FA TICKETS

Wong Koo of 841 Wan Ho, was charged before Mr. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy with the possession of Tse Fa Lottery tickets. He was fined \$100 or two months imprisonment, or both, and charged with the possession of Tse Fa Lottery tickets.



Flying most of the time, Mr. and Mrs. Fung Han-pu returned to Hong Kong by the President Wilson yesterday after a year's tour of the United States, the United Kingdom and the Continent. The managing director of Li and Fung Company, Limited, Mr. Fung left by RAA on January 12 last year, on a pleasure and goodwill business mission. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Tourists Arrive In APL Flagship

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Hong Kong has become a two-day playground for a distinguished group of tourists who are on a pleasure cruise, arriving here yesterday by the ss. President Wilson from San Francisco via Manila.

The tourists, including several business executives, a prominent Chicago plastic surgeon, Foreign Office personnel and a lady legal investigator, spent the major part of yesterday sight-seeing.

Today will be to many of them the shopping day before the APL flagship leaves for Shanghai in the evening.

Seeing Hong Kong for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, to whom the Colony is the most beautiful little island they ever seen in years of travelling elsewhere, Dr. Smith drew world-wide attention when he successfully operated on the "Monkey Face Boy" recently. He was an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps during World War I, serving in The Queen's Hospital, Sidcup.

Also making their first trip to the Far East are Mr. and Mrs. Gomba and two daughters. Mr. Gomba is visiting paper mills with which he has connections. There are several Japanese, with American papers, bound for Yokohama. Some are connected with the diplomatic service.

The arrival of a prominent business magnate by the President Wilson marked the completion of a complete year goodwill business tour of America, Canada, the United Kingdom and Europe. Accompanied by his charming wife, Mr. Fung Han-chu, managing director of Li and Fung Company, Limited, left the Colony on January 13 last year for a pleasure and business trip by Pan-American clipper.

Trade With HK

In an exclusive interview, Mr. Fung, who has visited practically all the principal cities in America, Canada, Britain, and in the European countries throughout his one-year travelling, most of which was done by plane, said: "Businessmen abroad are still very keen on trading with Hong Kong despite the prevailing adverse circumstances."

"British merchants are optimistic that the Government will gradually remove trade restrictions and permit a regular flow of local manufactured goods into the United Kingdom. At present it is possible to carry on the rubber, canvas shoe trade, which is increasing rapidly."

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Explosives Theft From Magazine

The theft of 1,445 sticks of dynamite and two sacks of gunpowder from a dynamite magazine at Kun Tong Village, Cha Kwo Ling, in the early hours of December 8 last, was recalled before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when four men were charged with receiving and possession.

Wong Chun-ying, Liu Chung, Lam Choi and Lam Kee, pleading guilty to the counts of receiving the dynamite and gunpowder at Yu Chau Street on December 12, and to being in possession of these dangerous goods without a permit, were each sentenced to two years' hard labour.

The first accused, claiming Hong Kong birth, was recommended for banishment, and the second, third and fourth defendants were ordered to be deported for life.

Detective-Inspector D.L. Davies, prosecuting, said that the original report of the theft was one of armed robbery. This was made by the watchman employed by the China Construction Co. who said that he was held up between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. on December 8 by 10 or more men, one or more of whom was armed with a rifle. His story, not being believed by the police, Lau Chai, the watchman, was taken back to the Kowloon City Police Station where, after questioning, he admitted that the report was false.

Asleep In Hut

Lau went on to say that what actually happened was that between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. on December 8 he was asleep in the watchman's hut, and that when he woke up at 2 a.m. he found that Magazine No. 43 had been broken into and four boxes of dynamite and two sacks of gunpowder stolen.

To save his job, Lau cooked up the story of the armed robbery and made the false report, said Det-Inspector Davies. "Lau was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr on December 17 with making a false report and neglect of duty, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$500 or another three months' penal servitude."

At 3 p.m. on December 8, Inspector S.G. Smith led a party of police to Cha Kwo Ling where, on searching the huts, they found four empty cases, which Mr. E.J. Brown, manager of the China Construction Co. identified as belonging to his firm.

Disguised As Fisherman

Three days later, said Det-Inspector Davies, a man called Tam Sui-conficted first accused, through an informer, and, under the guise of a fisherman from Cheung Chau, asked Wong whether he could supply any dynamite. Tam was accompanied by PC 533, in plain clothes.

Wong, said Det-Inspector Davies, told Tam that he could supply between 1,000 and 4,000 sticks at 70 cents a stick. This was agreed to and the three men then left the tea-house, where the discussions took place, and entered the car, driven by PC 1019, also in plain clothes.

Outside 303 Yu Chau Street, the car stopped and Wong got out and signalled with his hand to some one above. The other three accused then came down; the driver, each carrying a sack of dynamite.

When questioned by the police, the second, third and fourth accused claimed that they were only coolies employed by the first defendant. "But the police could prove that they have been carrying on the roof since the night of the story breaking," said the prosecutor.

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KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

A special Chinese New Year's Eve Dance will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Friday, January 20, 1949.

Dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Floor attractions and novelty dances.

Subscription: \$5 per head. Bookings restricted to 300 persons.

Table reservations can now be made by members only at the clubhouse.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Notice to Members

The Club's Comptroller Office at 1st Floor, Exchange Building, will remain open on Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th and Monday 17th until 5 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the St. David's Society (President, Mr. J. R. Jones M.C.) will be held at 5.30 on Friday, 21st January at the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, and all those with Welsh associations are cordially invited to attend.

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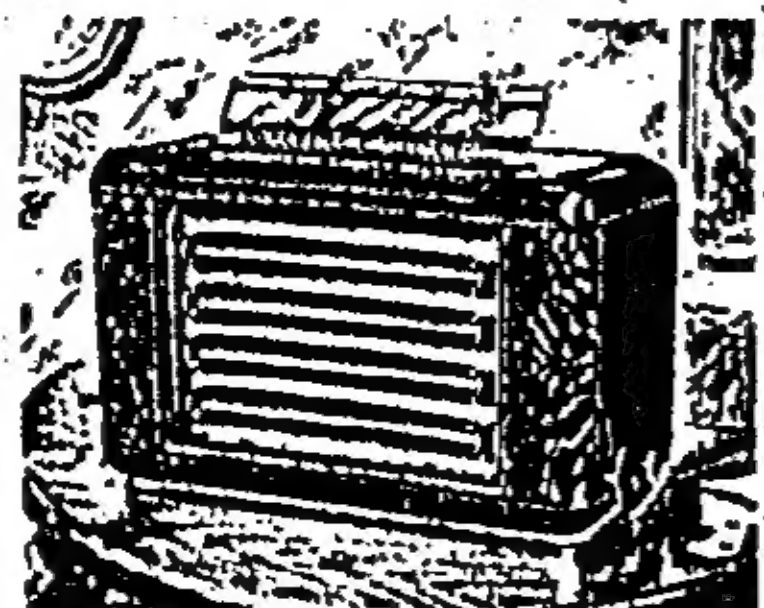
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Official Notices

Mr. Q.A.A. MacFadyen has been appointed to act as Commissioner of Labour with effect from January 7.

Mr. John Lucan Hayward's appointment as an Administrative Officer has been approved by the Secretary of State, for the Colonies.

Messrs. Hung Wai-chiu and Frederick Zimmerman have been appointed Unofficial Justices of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from January 14.

The names of Dr. Edward Chou and Dr. Shu Hou-jen have been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners in Hong Kong. They are entitled to practice medicine and surgery.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be closed between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. during the Chinese New Year holidays except on public and general holidays when they will be entirely closed. The vacation period starts on January 29 and ends on February 2 (both days inclusive).

The areas in which the general public will be allowed to set off fireworks during the Chinese New Year holidays were published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

A list of masters, mates and engineers who have passed examinations and obtained Certificates of Competency was included in the Government Gazette yesterday.

WANCHAI RAID

One of the largest brothels in the Wanchai district was raided by Inspector Hayward and Wheeler, when the second floor of No. 111 Jaffe Road was entered at 11 p.m. on Thursday.

When the police party entered there were four girls and three men present besides the attendants.

The keeper pleaded guilty before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday and received six months and a recommendation for banishment.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 8 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members who reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
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MONEY-LENDING CASE

Consideration Shown By Bank

"The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has really gone out of its way and shown extraordinary consideration to its depositors and customers."

These remarks were made by Mr. C. A. S. Russ at the Supreme Court yesterday, after judgment had been delivered by Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge), in a money-lending case.

Mr. Russ also said that any attempt to suggest that the Bank has behaved in an unhelpful and "ungenerous" manner towards its depositors and customers would be most unfair.

Mr. Justice Wicks said that he agreed with Mr. Russ and added that he understood the remarks made by Mr. Russ during hearing of the case, had been made by way of illustration only and were purely hypothetical.

The Plaintiff in the action was Surjan Singh, registered money lender of 12 Perseus Street, Wanchai.

The defendants were Leung Shin-lak and Leung Shin-mun, clerks of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company.

The plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. Russ, claimed \$513.58 from the defendants, interest balance of principal and interest due to him under a joint and several promissory note dated July 8, 1941.

Terms of Settlement

At a previous hearing, Mr. Justice Wicks did not accept the terms of settlement offered by Surjan Singh and ordered the money to be paid into Court.

The result of the judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Wicks yesterday is that plaintiff will receive only \$207.50, the balance of the \$513.58 paid into Court to be paid to the defendants.

Mr. Justice Wicks held that payment on loans during the Moratorium should be four per cent per annum and not four per cent per month as was the case before the war.

In the course of his judgment, Mr. Justice Wicks said:

"This summons arises out of a money-lending transaction in which the plaintiff, having lent the defendants a not sum of \$172 on July 3, 1941, now claims the sum of \$513.58, being made up of capital plus three amounts of interest, the first covering a period prior to the Japanese Occupation, the second for the period of the Occupation and lastly during the period of the Moratorium."

"The case was set down for hearing on January 7, 1949, when the plaintiff appeared in person and, in the absence of the defendants, stated that he had been paid by them the sum of \$520.58 being the amount of the claim, i.e. \$170 principal plus \$451.58 interest and \$7 (costs).

Application Refused

"The plaintiff's application to withdraw the summons was refused, it being ruled, in view of the rule of interest claimed and paid under the third heading, that the money received be paid into Court, and the case stand adjourned for the purpose of determining whether or not the transaction be reopened under Section 2 (1) of the Money-Lenders Ordinance 1911."

After dealing with the Debtor and Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance 1948, (Ordinance No. 24 of 1948) and the effect of the Moratorium, as well as submissions made by Mr. Russ on behalf of the plaintiff, Mr. Justice Wicks said:

"I make no comment on these submissions made by Mr. Russ because I accept the statement of the plaintiff made on January 7, and I do not accept his statement, made after adjournment, that he has only received \$207.50."

"There may be an explanation such as that, after the order was made on January 7, and complied with in respect of payment into Court, the plaintiff attempted to vary the settlement by repaying a certain amount to the defendants out of his other moneys, but that is no concern of this Court."

"The plaintiff must overcome any difficulties he has created, as best he can and I order that the sum in Court be paid out, as to an amount computed in the way I have indicated to the plaintiff, and any balance to the defendants."

Certain Illustrations

After judgment had been delivered, Mr. Russ said that during the argument in this case, in taking certain illustrations, there was a passage which, if it was taken from its context, might look as though there was some criticism of the Hong Kong Bank with regard to payment of interest on current accounts. That thought, said Mr. Russ, was very far from his mind at the time and he had no intention of criticising the Bank. The Bank had really gone out of its way and shown extraordinary consideration to its depositors and customers.

Continuing, Mr. Russ said that any attempt to suggest that the Bank had behaved in a most unhelpful and ungenerous manner towards its depositors and customers would be most unfair. He was sure that the Court would agree with him that there was nothing in the way he was conducting the case which would justify anyone in drawing any such conclusions.

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Bank Statement

The following statement was released by the Bank:

Until the passing of the Debtor and Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance 1948, the question of the interest payable on a promissory note had not been determined and the interest that might be paid thereunder could not be paid out.

Notwithstanding some ambiguity in the wording of the Ordinance the Bank fully recognises its obligation which is in accord with the terms of Section 10 (2) that where interest was provided by agreement or statute or otherwise it will pay interest for the occupation period at the due rate on all credit balances, whether such rate was one percent or more.

That the Bank had suggested, plead that payment of interest would be against public policy is entirely erroneous and completely unwarranted, as the Bank would never contemplate such an attitude.

The following donation to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade is acknowledged by the Brigade's Treasurer: \$50.—in memory of Mrs. Lily Morris, from Kwok Hin-wang.

A lecture on "Local Government" was given by Dr. D. P. Dobson (M.P., J.P., D.Litt.) at Clubs Lullana yesterday.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Something's got to be done—too many vets developing combat fatigue trying to live in some of these veterans' modern dream homes!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authorities

LIKE COLUMBUS

EVERY fine declarer is like Columbus, Chris, when he was a young fellow, could have accepted the idea that the world is flat, if he had been lazy. And the man behind the contract in bridge could begin playing the hand the first way apparent that seems pretty sure to gain the necessary minimum results. But the really good player tries to discover a better method, especially one which may produce more than his bid calls for, just as Columbus figured out an ambitious objective, then sought to attain it.

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tables, where West chose to lead the club 2. Two of the declarers played for their contract and nothing more, adopting the easiest possible path by giving up one diamond, ruffing one and discarding the other two on hearts.

Not so with the declarers of higher rank. When the diamond A was not led against them, they saw a chance for all the tricks and went after it. After winning with the club A, they cleared trumps with the Q, A and K, led to the club K, discarded two diamonds on the heart top, ruffed the third round heart to kill the Q, led to the club Q, cleared the heart suit with the J that dropped the 10 while the third diamond was tossed, then put the final diamond on the now established heart 8. With spades left for the last two tricks, these chaps scored an extra, shutting out the diamond A entirely.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 8 3
H A Q 5
D A J 6
C A 10 4
S K J 10 7
H 10
D Q 10 5 3
C J 9 7
S 4 2
H K 8 4 2
D K 6
C K 8 9 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

South—West—North—East
1 S Pass 2 H Pass
2 S Pass 4 C Pass
4 S Pass 6 S

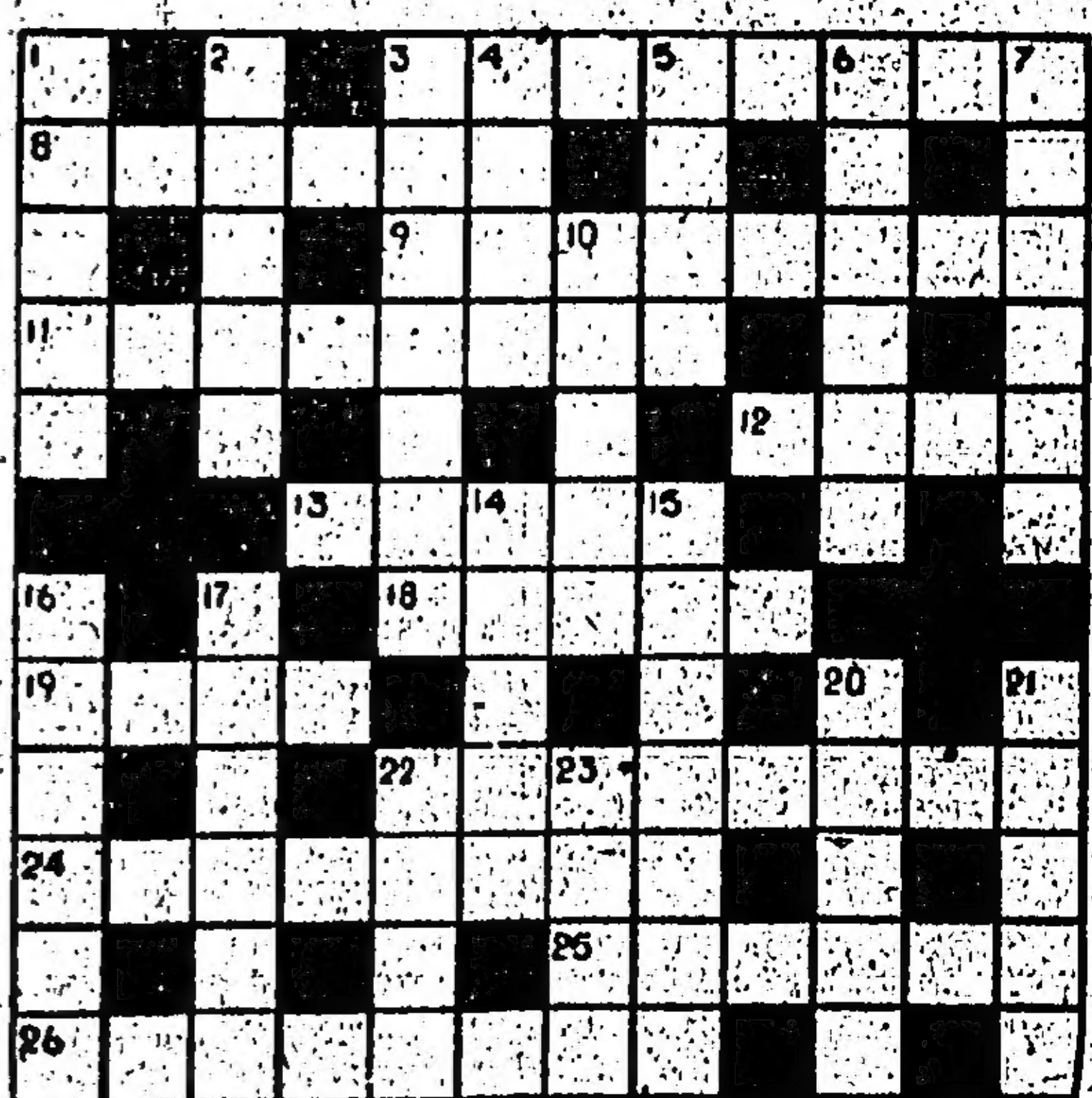
There was of course no excitement connected with declarer's play for that tournament contract where West laid down his diamond A to start with, and then switched to something else. There was no difficulty about taking the rest of the tricks.

The evil of laziness asserted itself, however, at several other

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

In a match point tournament contract of 4-Hearts, how should South play after East puts the club Q on the lead of the 7?

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3 Witty remark. 10 Way out.
6 Blundering. 12 Love song.
9 Colonists. 24 Create.
11 Does well. 25 Wont.
12 Expensive. 26 Wont.
13 Sharp. 26 Denuded.
15 Tendency.
Down
1 Glad. 14 Peace.
2 Deluge. 15 Came in.
3 Defect. 16 Holiday.
4 Swore. 17 Teller.
5 Brackets of. 20 Swift.
6 Abounded. 21 Carousal.
7 Make. 22 Break off.
8 certain of. 23 Counsel.
10 Common.
Desert. 9 Aster. 11 Halls. 12 Cast. 14 Battle. 15 Shrub. 16 Aspen. 18 Dapper. 19 Shirts. 20 Bored. 23 Lush. 24 Strow.

BAO DAI REFUSES TO RETURN TO VIETNAM

Explosion In Cairo Square

Cairo, January 13. A bomb which had been carried in a bag by an arrested man exploded in a Cairo Square today, killing a cigarette vendor and injuring 10 other persons.

Unconfirmed reports said that a policeman was also killed. Five of 10 people taken to hospital after the explosion were detained there.

According to the police, the man with the bag had tried to enter the National Court of Appeal, where several men charged with causing explosions in May 1946 are being tried. He was asked to leave but dropped his bag and ran.

The Prime Minister, Abdel Hady Fahmy, ordered a reward of 200 pounds to be paid to a libby in the court building who helped constable for his part in stopping the fugitive.

Fifty pounds compensation is to be paid to each injured person. Associated Press.

GESTAPO MAN DENAZIFIED

Nuremberg, January 13. Hans Josef Huber, former head of the Vienna Gestapo and an SS Brigadier, was classified as a "minor offender" and fined 500 Deutschmarks with one year's probation by a denazification court of the Nuremberg internment camp today.

Huber, who is claimed by Austria as a war criminal, is said by the defence to have helped anti-Nazis and Jews to escape.

A charge that he had ordered the shooting of 42 prisoners at Graz in 1942 could not be substantiated. There were no witnesses for the prosecution.

The tribunal considered Huber's high office to professional competence and not to active Nazi politics. Reuter.

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"COMMANDOS STRIKE AT DAWN" Columbia Film.

Paris, January 13.

Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, has refused to return as head of the new Vietnam State. Bao says he will not return until the French Government have given practical effect to concrete guarantees of Vietnam independence.

The resultant deadlock in Indo-China arising from his decision was discussed at an emergency session of French Cabinet Ministers today.

The ex-Emperor's surprise decision has placed the French Government in a dilemma, and has revived Socialist pressure for entering into negotiations with the Communist national leader, Dr. Ho Chi Minh.

M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, is to see the ex-Emperor in Cannes (South France) on Sunday in a last bid to find a compromise.

General Nguyen Van Kuan, Vietnam Premier, who arrived here last week, made it clear, however, that the ex-Emperor can return to Indo-China only after concrete agreements for Vietnam independence have been signed.

The Premier told Reuters today that there is not much time to lose.

If the armed struggle is allowed to continue much longer, he said, the ravages of war may become irreparable and place France-Vietnam friendship under an unbearable strain.

In Saigon, M. Gannay, President of the Indo-China section of the French Red Cross, said today he hopes soon to arrange for the release of French women, old men and children in the hands of the Vietnamese (the Indo-Chinese autonomy movement).

Hostages

M. Gannay, who met a Vietnamese Red Cross delegation led by Dr. Vu Huu Chan, 18 miles North of Hanoi on Monday, said today: "The meeting was cordial and the Vietnamese representatives showed great understanding."

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

R.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme with Winnie Melville (Soprano) and Dennis Noble (Baritone).

1.10 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.18 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—T. H. Heath and His Orchestra with Paul Carpenter (Vocal) (DUETS).

2.00 p.m.—Class Down.

2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.00 p.m.—Unit Requiem—Linda Carter Gulliver, B.H. Q. Workshop Royal Air Force, Kai Tak. (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—Weekly News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) "On the Air".

7.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Bandier and the Palm Court Orchestra with Freda Thomson. (Contralto) (DUETS).

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.10 p.m.—"Saturday Round-Up" (Studio).

8.10 p.m.—Saturday Round-Up—An interview with P.L.E. Francis, A.F.C. Pilot of the Jet Fighter, which is at present in Hong Kong.

8.25 p.m.—Fortune Teller. (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—Wagner "Die Walkure" Act 1. Lotte Lehmann (Soprano) Luella Melcher (Tenor) Emanuel List (Bass) with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

9.00 p.m.—Interlude.

9.40 p.m.—Piano Recital by Eileen Joyce.

10.00 p.m.—Radio News Rev. (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—"Cabaret" and Dance Music.

11.10 p.m.—Weather Report and Class Down.

Otto Abetz In London

London, January 13. The former German Ambassador in Paris, Otto Abetz, arrived in London by air from Paris tonight for questioning by the British military authorities.

The information wanted in London concerns the German Army commanders, Field Marshal von Rundstedt and Von Manstein, held by the British authorities in Germany awaiting war crimes trial.

The Field Marshals are expected to be tried by British courts in Germany. Reuter.

Russian Air Record Is Shattered

San Francisco, January 14. Flier Bill Odom set a new light plane distance record of more than 2,300 miles yesterday by crossing the Pacific from Honolulu—but he had to settle for that.

He had intended flying to New Jersey to attain a goal of more than 3,000 miles, but because of headwinds, his petrol supply ran low over the West coast.

He landed at Oakland airport near San Francisco at 2.37 GMT. He turned back rather than tackle the Sierra Nevada Range. When Odom reached the 2,100-mile mark, he shattered the 2,001.7-mile record set on September 23, 1937, by the Soviet pilot A. Goussarov and A. Glebov. Associated Press and United Press.

Japanese Coal Production

Tokyo, January 13.

The Japanese Stabilisation Board is likely to set the 1949 coal production goal at 42,000,000 tons in line with General MacArthur's nine-point programme to the Japanese Government to hasten the nation's economic recovery.

The production goal for the current fiscal year is 30,000,000 tons. Board officials say a 42,000,000 tons goal will require a government subsidy of 22,000,000 yen.

They say the plan calls for the production of 3,500,000 tons monthly and 471,000 workers. United Press.

Truman Explains His Tax Theory

Washington, January 13.

President Truman told a news conference today that tax increases should start in income brackets beginning at US\$6,000.

He was asked to define middle and upper income brackets for which he proposes higher taxes during the next fiscal year to raise an additional US\$4,000,000,000.

Mr. Truman told reporters that middle income starts at around US\$6,000 and goes up to between US\$20,000 and US\$30,000. Obviously anything over US\$30,000 will be high income, he said.

Other high points at the President's press conference: 1. He knows of no developments to support rumors abroad of a Soviet peace offensive. "He is still willing to see Stalin in Washington."

2. Lots of women are under consideration for high Federal posts but not necessarily for Cabinet jobs.

3. He agreed with the statement of the Defence Secretary (Mr. James Forrestal) that he expects to continue as Defence Secretary.

4. He conceded that the health of Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, Ambassador to Russia, is not good, but hopes Mr. Smith will return to his post.

5. He anticipated no changes in the Cabinet before his inauguration next Thursday.

Ruhr Pact Welcomed In Belgium

Brussels, January 13.

The Belgian Senate Foreign Affairs Committee unanimously welcomed the six-power Ruhr Control agreement today as a diplomatic success for France and highly satisfactory to Belgium.

The Committee declared that the agreement is testimony of Anglo-Saxon understanding of Western Europe's views in relation to the German problem.

The Belgian Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, rejected the view put forward by some Members that Belgium should be put on an equal footing with the three Western powers and thus be entrusted with the full administration of the Belgian Zone of occupation.

The Belgian Zone is at present merely a sector in the British Zone. Reuter.

COMMONWEALTH TALKS IN FAR EAST?

London, January 13.

There is a strong possibility of a Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' conference in the Far East this year.

A hint of this was dropped by Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Foreign Minister, at Perth, Western Australia, today.

Dr. Evatt said that one of the more important decisions of the London Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference "has not yet been announced."

The practicability of holding a Far East conference of Commonwealth Ministers to discuss social, economic, political and defence problems is understood to have been considered by the Commonwealth countries since the Prime Ministers' talks in London in October.

Neither the date nor the venue has yet been fixed, but May or June have been mentioned as possible times—a decision seems likely soon.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers, when they met, took the view that there should be more frequent opportunities for mutual contact between the member countries.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser, before he left London recently, told Reuter: "It would be very strange if, during the coming year, there were not some Commonwealth talks about the Far Eastern situation, though I know of nothing planned so far."

In Ceylon

The Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr. Don Stephen Senanayake, has also expressed the hope that it might be possible to hold a Commonwealth Ministers' meeting in Ceylon.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, will make an announcement to Parliament soon on the proposals advanced at the London conference, which have since been the subject of Commonwealth exchanges.

The Prime Ministers discussed the question of the interval at which Commonwealth Ministers should meet. There were varying views as to whether the meetings should be at yearly or half-yearly intervals, and as to the degree of regularity which should be maintained.

The conference also discussed the possible arrangements for direct access by the Commonwealth High Commissioners and their staffs to Government departments in the various capitals. Such access, it is thought, will have a particular value in London, with its large highly specialised Treasury, Board of Trade and other departments. Reuter.

Russians Putting On The Heat

New York, January 13.

A World Telegram editorial today said: "Moscow is putting the heat on the Scandinavian nations to keep out of the Western defence alliance."

"Finland, of course, is helpless because Russia holds her bases and could take over the entire country in short order. That leaves Sweden, Norway and Denmark, which are divided on the issue."

"Naturally all prefer neutrality to overt war. The difference is over whether neutrality is possible. Sweden, on the basis of her experience, thinks it is. Norway fears it is not. Denmark is wobbling toward Norway's Western policy."

"The idea that genuine neutrality is possible, either in the present cold war or any resulting world war, seems to us completely fallacious. The conflict is not between Russia and the United States, but between Russia and civilisation."

"Scandinavia cannot have a free ride to security." United Press.

U.S. Aircraft Sold To Italy

Wiesbaden, January 13.

Two hundred surplus planes from the American Air Force have been sold to Italy. The United States Air Force Headquarters announced here.

The statement, which declares that the U.S. State Department has approved the sale, says that the first delivery will be 100 C-45 two-engine cargo planes, and the remainder 100 L-5 single-engine observation planes (both wartime models).

Under the peace treaty Italy is allowed 200 fighter and reconnaissance planes and 150 transport and other aircraft, excluding bombers. Reuter.

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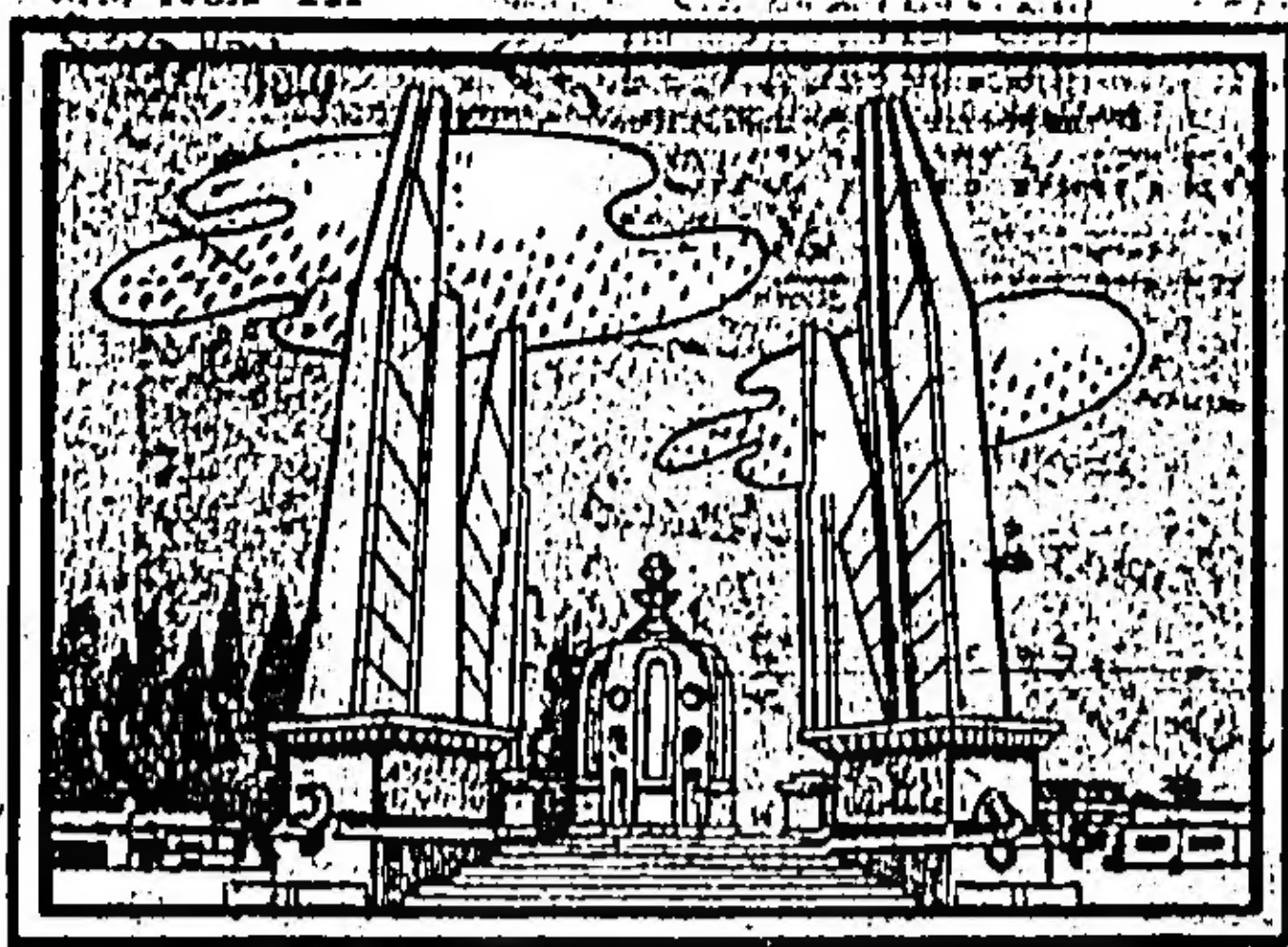
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NEW REVENUE

The various measures taken by the Government this week to increase its revenue have been received with mixed feelings despite the fact they received the approval of Legislative Council without a dissenting voice. On the question of the increased fees for radio licences this is easily understood. Over the past few months, the programme activities of Radio Hong Kong have been widely discussed with, as the outcome, a general acceptance of the view that an increase in the fee from \$12 to \$20 annually must be regarded as well worth the while of the listener provided the additional revenue is devoted to schemes for improving the output of Radio Hong Kong. The Government's intentions on this score are believed to go with the trend of listener opinion, and next year's estimates for broadcasting services will be examined with keen interest. The same cannot be said of the boost of the radio dealers' licence from \$50 to \$250. In itself an average of just over \$20 a month appears to be not an unreasonable figure; it would seem even less so were other businesses subject to a similar tax. The radio dealer may well complain at being singled out for special treatment, particularly as he is (or should be) of tremendous assistance to Government in the collection of fees for listener licences. He is expected to report the name of every client who buys a radio and the owners of radios brought in for repair and adjustment. Whether this requirement is being observed by all dealers we do not know; but obviously such a system provides the simplest possible form of check for the Postmaster-General, and its full enforcement would undoubtedly bring in substantial additional revenue. But in requiring the dealer to render this aid, the Government should not at the same time do him ill by raising his shop licence fee five times. Not is there any great enthusiasm about the increases in certain tobacco duties. What the effect on prices will be has not yet come to light. The increase appears heavy enough, however, to suggest that an increase of price for several brands of cigarettes will prove unavoidable. The argument for the increase coming from the official spokesman tended to give the impression that Hong Kong was embarking upon the manufacture of cigarettes for the first time which, as is well known, is certainly not the case. The smoker will derive no greater satisfaction from the heavy increase in duty upon imported cigarettes, purely on the ground that various factors might operate to make the locally-manufactured cigarette more costly than imported brands. Better to have said simply that the opportunity was being taken of securing greater revenue from tobacco duties, and to have added that cigarettes in Hong Kong will remain considerably cheaper than the price for which they are sold in many other countries. Objection could then be taken only on ground that the financial policy of the Government needs revision, that the Government should give its full attention to

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The only land approach to the hostile position was a narrow neck connecting South Beveland with the mainland, and the operation was worked out to include an attack Westward along this isthmus, co-ordinated with an amphibious assault brought in by sea. The necessary forces for the attack could not be assembled until late October. The British 2nd Division, which had been in the Walcheren attack some two or three weeks earlier.

To the Canadian 2nd Division was assigned the job of overrunning the German positions on the isthmus, and from there attacking Westward along the isthmus against the Germans on South Beveland. The troops were frequently forced to fight waist-deep in water against strong German resistance, and it took them three days to reach the West end of the isthmus. But by October 27 the division had established itself on the island proper. The British 62nd Division was landed on the South shore of South Beveland on the night of October 26-27. The two forces then fought forward in a converging attack to a juncture and by the thirtieth of the month South Beveland was entirely in our possession.

The defending German position on Walcheren Island consisted of the troops that had escaped from South Beveland and of detachments from the German Fifteenth Army, which had originally been stationed in the Calais area.

The amphibious assault against Walcheren on November 1, was carried out against some of the strongest local resistance we met at any coast line during the European operation. To provide supporting fire, only small naval vessels could be used but these were valiantly pushed in close to the beach. The German position was persistent and the land forces were in order to assist the troops going ashore. Losses among the naval vessels were abnormally high but the courage and tenacity of the crews were responsible both for the successful landing and for minimizing losses among assaulting personnel.

A feature of this difficult campaign was a novel employment of big bombers to blow up portions of the dikes that held back the sea from the lower levels of the island. These breaches, permitting the sea to flood critical sections of the defence, were of great usefulness in an operation that throughout presented unusual difficulties. Final German resistance on the island was eliminated by November 9, by which time some 10,000 enemy troops had been captured, including a division commander. The cost was high. For the entire series of operations in the Walcheren campaign, almost 20,000 British and Canadian troops were involved, 27,000 British and Canadian troops were involved, 27,000 British and Canadian troops were involved, 27,000 British and Canadian troops were involved.

With this effort accomplished, we began the clearing of mines from the Scheldt Estuary. As the Germans had installed their minefields in great profusion and the job, in spite of our continuing work on the part of the Navy, required two weeks for completion. The first ships to begin unloading in Antwerp arrived there November 26. The Germans had begun launching V-1 and V-2 weapons against the bombs were frequently effective. The V-2s had been in London, the V-2s caused considerable damage in the district. Numbers of civilians and soldiers were killed, and communications and supply work were often interrupted, although usually only for brief periods. The civilian population, however, sustained these attacks unflinchingly. On November 23 a bomb struck a crowded theatre and killed hundreds of civilians and an almost equal number of soldiers.

The enemy also employed large numbers of E-boats (a small, speedy type of surface torpedo boat) and tiny submarines to interfere with our use of Antwerp. These weapons were countered by energetic naval and air action. In spite of all difficulties, Antwerp quickly became the Northern bulwark of our entire logistical system.

While this spectacular and gratifying operation was in progress on the Northern flank, the rest of the front was far from quiet. On the Twenty-first Army Group front Montgomery succeeded in concentrating enough strength to "bite" on November 16 immediately following the fall of Walcheren Island, to undertake an "Eastern" drive. Winter conditions were now pressing and his advance was made over difficult country, but by December 1 he had cleared out the last German pocket West of the main line of the river which, further South in Belgium and France, is called the Meuse.

Because of the extended front held by the Twenty-first Army Group it was impossible at the moment to launch further strong offensives in that area. Montgomery's army group had long since absorbed all the British economy in official expenditure, instead of driving more deeply into the public pocket to meet its bills. It still has to penetrate official minds that the high cost of government is probably the factor contributing most importantly to the continuing inflationary tendency and the rising cost of living.

Empire troops available in the United Kingdom, including the Canadian Army and the Polish division. Further reinforcement was impossible unless, as eventually happened, a few additional units could be brought up from the Mediterranean theatre. The Americans were in a different position. Reinforcing divisions were rapidly coming from the United States, and as they reached the battle front they provided strength for the execution of important tasks and made it possible to broaden the American sector whenever necessary to provide opportunity for concentrations on the flanks.

Immediately South of the British area, Bradley, on October 22, brought into line the U.S. Ninth Army under General Simpson. On November 10, Bradley renewed his offensive toward the Rhine in the Northern part of his sector. The attack was carried out by the Ninth and First Armies and was preceded by a heavy bombing of the enemy and by artillery bombardment. Twelve hundred and four American and 1,288 British heavy bombers participated; the operation being another example of the extent to which we were then using the heavy bomber to intervene effectively in the ground battle.

These attacks initially employed fourteen divisions, and the tempo was soon increased to seventeen. Nevertheless, progress was slow and the fighting intense. On the right flank of this attack the First Army got involved in the Hürtgen Forest, the scene of one of the most bitterly contested battles of the entire campaign. The enemy had all the advantages of strong defensive country, and the attacking Americans had to depend almost exclusively upon infantry weapons because of the thickness of the forest. The weather was abominable and the German position was particularly stubborn, but Yankee doggedness finally won. Thereafter, whenever veterans of the American 4th, 9th, and 28th Divisions referred to hard fighting they did so in terms of comparison with the Battle of Hürtgen Forest, which they placed at the top of the list.

In spite of numerous smaller battles of the same sanguinary character, in which units were pinned down for days as they dug out of their defensive positions, general progress continued until we reached the banks of the Roer River, where the Ninth Army arrived on December 3. At the banks of the Roer we met a new kind of tactical problem. Further up the river, at Schmidt, were great dams. They were of special defensive value to the Germans because, by operation of the floodgates in the dams, he could vary the water level below them. This made an immediate assault across the Roer River impossible, since any troops successful in crossing could be isolated by a flooding of the river and thereafter eliminated by the employment of German heavy weapons.

We first attempted the destruction of the dams by air. The bombing against them was accurate and direct hits were secured. However, the concrete structures were so massive that damage was negligible, and there was no recourse except to take them by ground attack. Because the dams were located in difficult mountain country the attack was slow and costly. After an attack by the 28th Division on November 13, in an attempt to penetrate into the plain of Aachen, we could secure this region. Deyers' forces could concentrate the bulk of their strength on the left and the defenders of the Roer would have to resist powerful attacks on two fronts.

The French Army led the attack on Deyers' front and breached the Belfort Gap within a week. Its leading elements quickly reached the Rhine. This turned the flank of the German position in the Vosges and forced a general withdrawal in front of the U.S. Seventh Army under General Patton. This force, attacking abreast of the French First Army, had found exceedingly tough going through the tortuous passes of the mountains. An Patton's army Major General Edward H. Brooke, VI Corps was on the right, and Major General Wade H. Haislip's XV Corps, formerly with Patton, was on the left. When the German withdrawal started because of the French success, these troops made rapid progress. The U.S. 44th Division captured Saarburg on the twenty-first, and on the twenty-second our troops broke out into the Rhine plain. Strasbourg, on the banks of the Rhine, was entered by the French 2nd Armored Division on the

ground attack. Because the dams were located in difficult mountain country the attack was slow and costly. After an attack by the 28th Division on November 13, in an attempt to penetrate into the plain of Aachen, we could secure this region. Deyers' forces could concentrate the bulk of their strength on the left and the defenders of the Roer would have to resist powerful attacks on two fronts.

Meanwhile, South of the Ardennes Forest, the Third Army launched an attack on November 5. Its offensive was aimed generally at the Saar region, and made excellent initial progress. North of Metz, bridgeheads were established across the Moselle, and shortly after the middle of November the leading troops reached the German frontier. Metz was surrounded and cut off. The city surrendered November 23. However, some of the forces in the vicinity held out stubbornly and it was almost the middle of December before the final one was reduced and mopped up.

In the right sector of the Third Army, the advance quickly brought us up against some of the strongest sections of the Siegfried Line, those guarding the triangle between the Moselle and the Rhine. In this region the Siegfried comprised two general lines of defences. The forward one was a continuous system of obstacles and pillboxes, but was of no great depth. In the rear was another line, of extraordinary strength. It featured a series of held forts, mutually supporting, arranged in a line more than two miles apart. These defences slowed up the advance of the Third Army, and since their reduction required a

twenty-second of the month. The enemy, as was his habitual practice, launched a counterattack almost instantly. Initially, our advancing troops lost some ground but the 44th Division fought off the enemy and regained its position. The 70th Division was also abreast of the 44th and the two of them made rapid progress toward Haguenau, which they took on December 12.

During the progress of these attacks, I visited Deyers to make a survey of the situation with him. On his extreme left, third appeared to be an immediate advantage in pushing down into the Rhine plain. I directed him to turn the left corps of Patton's Army Northward to bring it into line with the right flank of Patton's army on the Western slopes of the Vosges. That corps was to support the Third Army in its attacks against the Saar, which were soon to be renewed. Deyers, from it was of course going to close up to the Rhine as rapidly as possible and then, by moving Northward, to gain the river bank all the way Northward to the Saar. However, I particularly cautioned Deyers not to start this Northward movement on the East of the Vosges Mountains, until he had cleared out all enemy formations in the rear.

Sometimes it is advisable to bypass enemy positions and merely contain them until their isolation and lack of supply compel surrender. However, this procedure is normally applicable only if the enemy's troops are completely surrounded. Moreover, the method always involves a high degree of risk. It is never applicable when the pocket is in an area which must be used for offensive purposes or from which it can threaten our communications. I had got tired of dropping off troops to watch enemy positions in the rear areas, so I impressed upon Deyers that to allow any Germans to remain West of the Roer in the upper Rhine plain, South of Strasbourg, would be certain to cause an inter-embarrassment.

General Deyers believed that the French First Army, which had operated so brilliantly in breaking through the Belfort Gap and reaching the Rhine, could easily take care of the remnants of the German Ninth Army still facing them in the Colmar area. In describing the situation to me, he said, "The German Ninth Army has ceased to exist as a tactical force." Consequently, he estimated that he could carry out my instructions for the elimination of the German Ninth Army without the assistance of General Brooke's VI Corps. He had reason to feel certain in the estimate, particularly in view of the great defeat already inflicted on the German Army. He ordered that VI Corps to turn Northward in the plain East of the Vosges, so that it could co-operate with the XV Corps, West of those mountains, in the attacks against the Saar.

Deyers' estimate of the French First Army's immediate effectiveness was over-optimistic, while he probably underestimated the combat power of German units when they set themselves stubbornly to hold a strong position. The French Army weakened by its recent offensive found it impossible to eliminate the German resistance on its immediate front, and this led to the Colmar pocket, a German position which established and maintained itself in a defensible ground West of the Rhine in the vicinity of Colmar. The existence of this pocket was later to work to our definite disadvantage.

The fighting throughout the front, from Switzerland to the mouth of the Rhine, descended during the late fall months to the driest kind of infantry slugging. Advances were slow and laborious. Deyers would ordinarily measure in terms of yards rather than miles. Operations became really a matter of artillery and ammunition, and on the part of the infantry, endurance, stamina, and courage. In these conditions, infantry losses were high, particularly in rifle platoons. The infantry, which in all kinds of ways had habitually absorbed the bulk of the losses, was now being practically all of them. These were by no means due to enemy action alone. In other respects, too, the infantry suffered an abnormal percentage of casualties. Because of exposure, the cases of frostbite, trench foot, and respiratory diseases were far more numerous than in other parts of the front. Because of depletion of their infantry strength, divisions quickly exhausted themselves in action. Without men to carry on the duty of advance and manoeuvre under the curtain of artillery fire, our offensive strength fell off markedly.

Aside from the problem of depleted unit strength, we found it difficult to find enough divisions to perform all the tasks that required immediate attention and still maintain the concentrations required for successful attacks. As the infantry replacement problem became acute we resorted to every kind of expedient to keep units up to strength. Full reports were made to the War Department so that effort in the home front would be concentrated on the need. We combed through our own organization to find men in the Services of Supply and elsewhere who could be retrained rapidly for employment in infantry formations. Wherever possible we replaced a man in service organizations by one from the limited service category, or by a Widowed Mother's Pensioner, that he could give us considerable help in this matter. Ten thousand men were transferred from his units to the ground forces. All these measures, however, failed to keep all of the ranks of the infantry formations. Realizing this, General Marshall sent me a suggestion that seemed to possess great merit. It was that the infantry of the United States should be dispatched to us without waiting for the additional shipping needed to bring their artillery, trucks, and other heavy equipment. He and I hoped that in this way we could bring into line new regiments and give them valuable battle training by rotating them with the infantry divisions already in the line. The principal purpose was to give the tired and depleted infantry of veteran divisions opportunity to rest and rehabilitate itself while its place on the front was taken by one of the new full-strength regiments.

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Cabinet Reshuffle Mystery

London, January 13. The truth about the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee's predicted Government reshuffle, in which speculation had involved up to a third of his Ministry, is that even those sources close to the Prime Minister do not yet know of his intentions.

The only established fact is that he will appoint a new Parliamentary Secretary, to the Board of Trade, to replace Mr. John Belcher, who resigned following the proceedings of a tribunal investigating allegations of corruption in Government quarters.

This presumably will involve some reshuffle of junior Ministers.

Little support can be found in informed quarters for the suggestion of a reshuffle involving the Cabinet hierarchy itself.

Speculators have talked of the possible resignation of Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, but few have suggested whom the Government can switch to replace him.

With an election little more than a year distant, it is unlikely that Mr. Attlee will wish to embark on a large experimental reshuffle at Cabinet level.—Reuters.

Foreign Policies To Be Unchanged

Washington, January 13.

Mr. Dean Acheson, who has been named as the new Secretary of State, today declared his firm determination to pursue steadiness and continuity in American foreign policy.

He will follow the example of Mr. George Marshall, the retiring Secretary of State, in the nation's relations with Soviet Russia.

"It seems abundantly clear that no one can take Mr. Marshall's place, but someone who worked under him can follow Mr. Marshall's example," he said.

Mr. Acheson worked as Under-Secretary of State, both with Mr. Marshall and with his predecessor, Mr. James R. Byrnes. Mr. Acheson was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is considering his nomination.

"The policies which President Truman has followed since the war have been evolved with the help of two secretaries," Mr. Acheson said. "I think I know something of the problems and of the need for steadiness and continuity."

Stressing that the President himself is primarily responsible for the policy of the United States, Mr. Acheson said: "Mr. Truman has stated in most categorical terms that he does not anticipate any change whatever in the foreign policy of the United States."

Embassy Fire In London

London, January 13. A fire broke out today in a back room of the Soviet Embassy on "Millington Road" overlooking Kensington Gardens.

Four fire engines turned their hoses on the second floor, and firemen helped five persons down the fire escape. Damage was confined to one room.—United Press.

MGM Head Best Paid

Washington, January 13. The film maker Louis Mayer heads Hollywood's high salary list for 1947, with earnings of US\$733,074 from Loew's Incorporated.

The Securities and Exchange Commission also reports that Betty Davis topped all screen stars to date with a 1947 pay cheque for \$394,000 from Warner Brothers.

The singer, Frank Sinatra, leads male actors with \$325,833 from Loew's.

Mayer, Loew's managing director of production, got \$417,293, in salary, \$280,400 in bonuses or shares in profits and \$55,355 as payment by the company to the Employees Retirement Fund.—United Press.

London's Tribute To Tommy Handley

Londoners in their thousands turned out today to pay their last tributes to Tommy Handley, the man who kept them laughing throughout the war.

Men and women stood in silent tribute as the cortege, preceded by three hearses loaded with flowers, passed slowly through six miles of London streets to Golders Green crematorium.

Mounted police and motor cycle patrols cleared a path for the streams of cars. By the time the cortege began, more than 3,000 thronged the forecourt of the chapel and the road leading to it.

Tommy's show, "It's That Man Again," known to the whole country as ITMA, passed the 300 mark at the end of last year.

The route of the funeral cortege, preceded by mounted police, was specially altered to pass Tommy Handley's house, where his widow, unable to attend because of illness, watched from behind drawn curtains.

Her wreath of red roses and a spray of white flowers from Tommy's 55-year-old mother were the only tributes on the coffin.

Hundreds of other wreaths—five motor cars were required to carry them all—were poured in from all over Britain.

Sir William Haley, Director-General of the BBC, was present at the funeral and nearly every well-known BBC variety act was represented. The crowds outside the chapel listened to the service relayed by loudspeakers.—Reuters.

FIGHTER CHIEF "ESCAPE KING"

London, January 13. Air Vice-Marshal Sir Basil Emery has been appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Royal Air Force Fighter Command.

Sir Basil, who is aged 46, is known in the RAF as the "King of Escapes." Taken prisoner in a raid over Europe in 1940, he escaped three times. After one escape, Hitler offered a 70,000 Reichsmark ransom for his capture. He had killed three German soldiers, two with a knife and one with his bare hands.

Sir Basil succeeds Air Marshal Sir William Elliott, who becomes Chief Staff Officer to the Ministry of Defence.—Reuters.

CHANGE AT BBC

London, January 14. Dr. W. H. King, BBC North American representative and former Administrative Officer with the Ministry of Information, has been appointed to the post of Director of the BBC's North American Service.

He will be succeeded by Mr. Norman Lewis, head of the BBC's Latin American Service.—Reuters.

Perth, January 13. The Attlee Government's policy to give complete freedom to India, Pakistan and Ceylon was described by Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, today as one of the greatest decisions in history.

It had changed the entire outlook in the South East Asia region, he added.

"Australia's outlook towards these three nations is the same as the British. We have great and good friends among the leaders of those three countries," he told a summer school here.

"These friendships must be confirmed and strengthened so that South East Asia can be made free from aggression, either physical or ideological."

No great conflict exists, he said, between the Australian and British attitudes towards Indonesia. Turning to last autumn's Commonwealth Premiers' talks, Dr. Evatt said: "One of the most important decisions of the conference has not yet been announced, but we hope it will be made public in the near future."

Saying it is wrong to suppose that Australia attaches no importance to her ties with Britain, Dr. Evatt said that Mr. John Curtin, the Prime Minister, went to London in 1944 to secure closer co-operation and the establishment of an Empire Secretariat, but the only support he received was from New Zealand.

Word "British" Australia again took the initiative at the October meeting of the Commonwealth Premiers in London, he added.

"Australia accepted recommendations from this conference within an hour, but with the other governments because of their own internal problems, there were long delays."

Another BBC Comedian Dead

London, January 13. As Tommy Handley's funeral was taking place another well-known BBC comedian, Nesmo King, collapsed and died in a London flat in Chelsea Cloisters.

He had been ill for two or three days and had a heart attack.

His real name was Vernon Watson, and he began his stage career in 1914 at the age of 15.

He was an impertinent and looking for a stage name, he saw two open doors which had split a notice "No Smoking" into "Nesmo King."

He was chairman of the BBC "Palace of Varieties" for three seasons and he ran concert parties at seaside resorts during the summer months.

A recording of "Palace of Varieties" was due to be broadcast tomorrow night, but has now been cancelled.—Reuters.

Secret Talks On Western Defence

Brussels, January 13. The Defence Ministers of the five Brussels Pact powers—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—will meet in Brussels tomorrow in the Defence Ministry's "War Room."

American and Canadian observers will attend.

The talks will be secret, but discussion will centre around: 1. A review of the Western Union defence scheme as affected by the proposed North Atlantic Pact.

2. Supply of British jet planes to other Union countries, as well as the development of jet aircraft in Belgium and Holland.

3. Further standardisation of arms equipment and training methods.

The British Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, who is leading his country's delegation of ten, arrived tonight. The French Defence Minister, Mr. Paul Ramadier, as well as the Dutch and Luxembourg delegates, are expected to arrive in Brussels early tomorrow.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Mr. James Forrestal, U.S. Defence Secretary, is attending a conference of American defence officials. He is expected to leave for Brussels tomorrow.

Mr. Forrestal mentioned no sum of money for the cost of the aid, but reports have placed the amount at between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000.—Reuters.

A Guarantee

Mr. Clement Attlee regarded the Commonwealth Conference in London as the most important in the history of the British Commonwealth, Dr. Evatt said.

Many important security and defence matters had been discussed, some of which may not be disclosed to the public at present.

The member nations of the British Commonwealth are associated through the Crown and through the right of nationality, but said Dr. Evatt, he prefers the word "King" to "Crown."

"A Crown is a chattel which is stored in the Tower of London except on ceremonial occasions, but the King is the head and pivot of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

"The King's powers are the continuing guarantee of the freedom and unity of the Commonwealth."

Dr. Evatt added: "The security of Australia depends on a successful United Nations Organisation on British Commonwealth co-operation, and a successful co-operation as a security, but wary against possible aggression."

Referring to the controversy over the dropping of the word "British" from the Commonwealth, Dr. Evatt said the confusion arose because the word was omitted from a communiqué issued during the London conference.

"No decision to drop the word 'British' was ever made, and its use is essential for a host of reasons," he said. "The name does not mean that every nation in the group is British in race, because that is not so."

"However, it does refer to the central feature of the Commonwealth, which means to Australia a most intimate relationship with the King."

"How else can you refer to this group of nations? It would lead to confusion, because we have the Commonwealth of Australia and a variety of other Commonwealths."

Greek Gold Scandal

Athens, January 13. Twenty-six people, including a Swiss airman, will be tried in Athens on January 27 on charges of smuggling \$1,178,000 worth of gold into Greece from Switzerland and Egypt.

They are accused of belonging to an international gang which exported foreign currency into Switzerland in exchange for gold sovereigns and napoleons which were then smuggled into Greece.

Among the defendants are Panos Platane, an exchange broker living in Switzerland; Gerard de Chabrier, a Swiss pilot, and a Greek-American pilot, Harry Nyant.

The two pilots are also accused of smuggling 4,000 Swiss watches into Greece.

Six of the accused, including a Greek officer, Constantin Barcoupos, will be tried in their absence.

The trial follows the conviction in Athens last month of Constantinos, Secretary of the Dominican Legation in Bern, who was sentenced to six months imprisonment for currency smuggling.—Reuters.

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Britain Patching Up Relations

London, January 13. Britain's Labour Government today moved to patch up impaired relations with its two great allies, the United States and France.

While Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador in Washington, talked to President Truman there on Palestine, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, opened an important conference here with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, on the Ruhr and other problems.

In diplomatic quarters, it is asserted that British relations with both the United States and France have reached a post-war low and are in such a deteriorated condition that Britain has cause for anxiety.

Mr. Bevin and M. Schuman conferred for six hours on Anglo-French relations, notably on Germany and on the status of the industrial Ruhr area.

Britain has lined up with the United States against France on such questions as the future of the Ruhr and a separate government for Western Germany.

There are also disputed points on European unity.

France wants a closely-united Western Europe with a joint Parliament.—United Press.

REWARD OFFERED FOR MURDERER

Bristol, January 14. Lloyd's Bank Limited have offered a £1,000 reward to any person giving information to the police which leads to the arrest of the murderer of Mr. George Black, Manager of the Wells Road, Bristol, sub-branch of the bank, who was shot last Friday.—Reuters.

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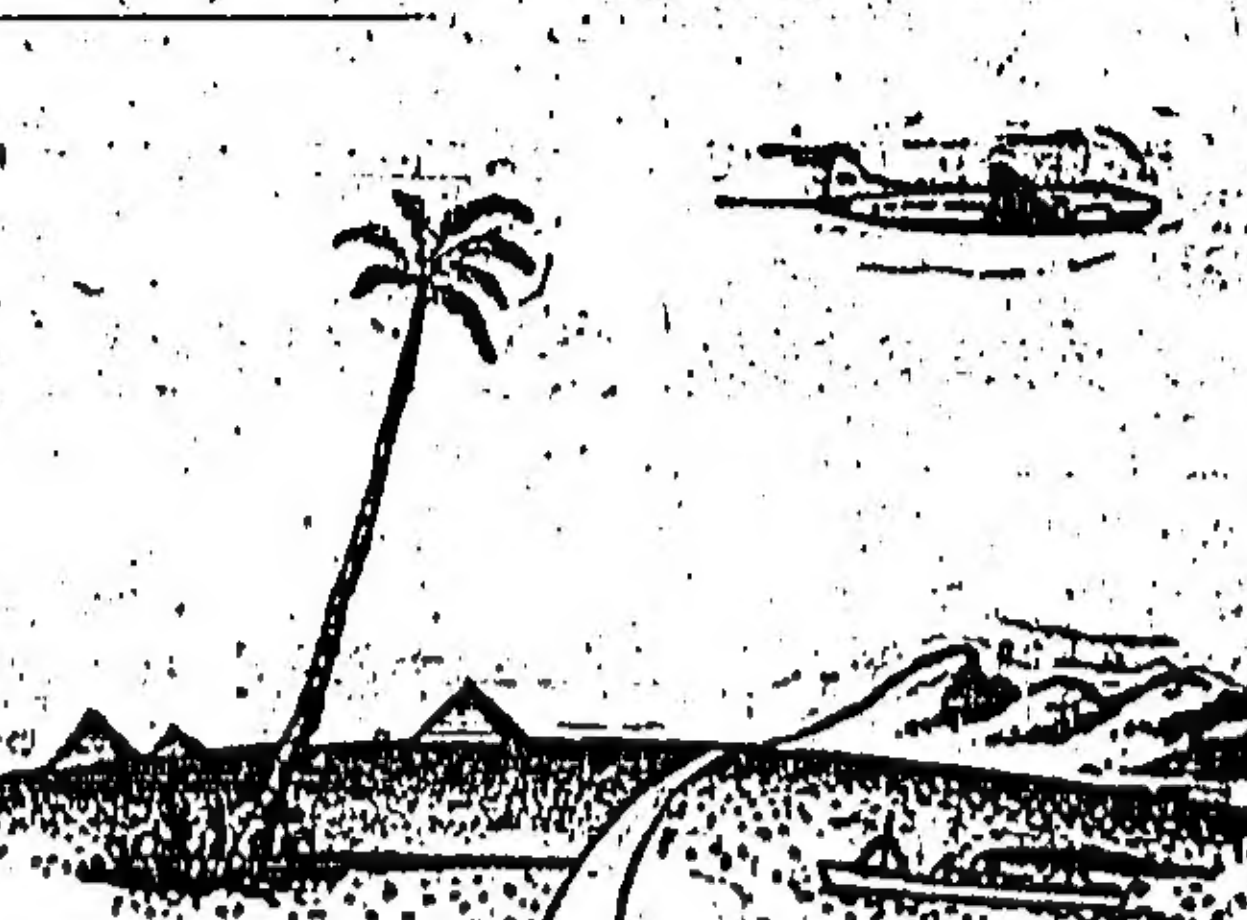
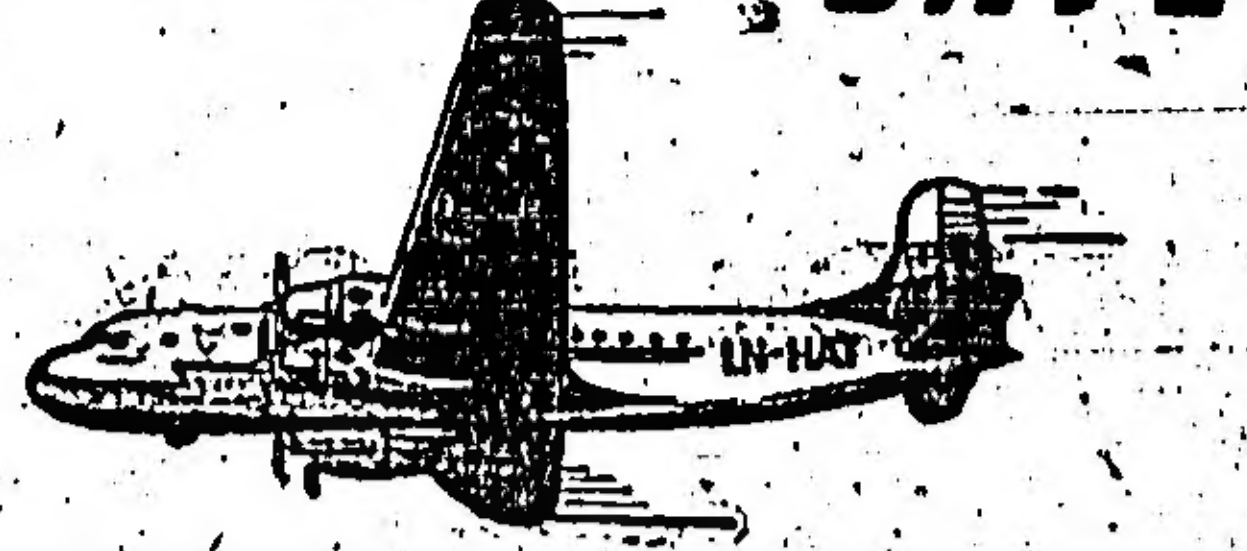
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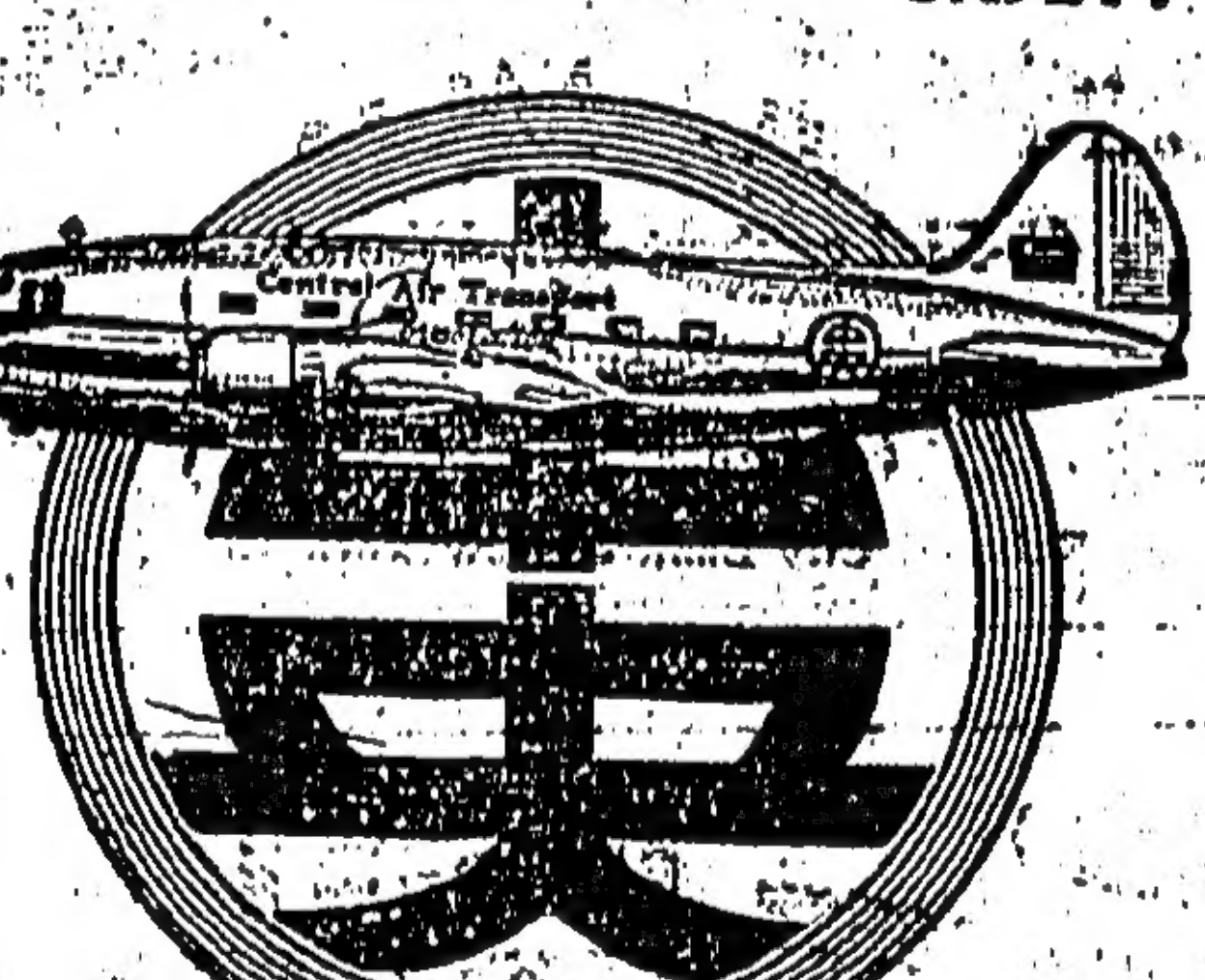
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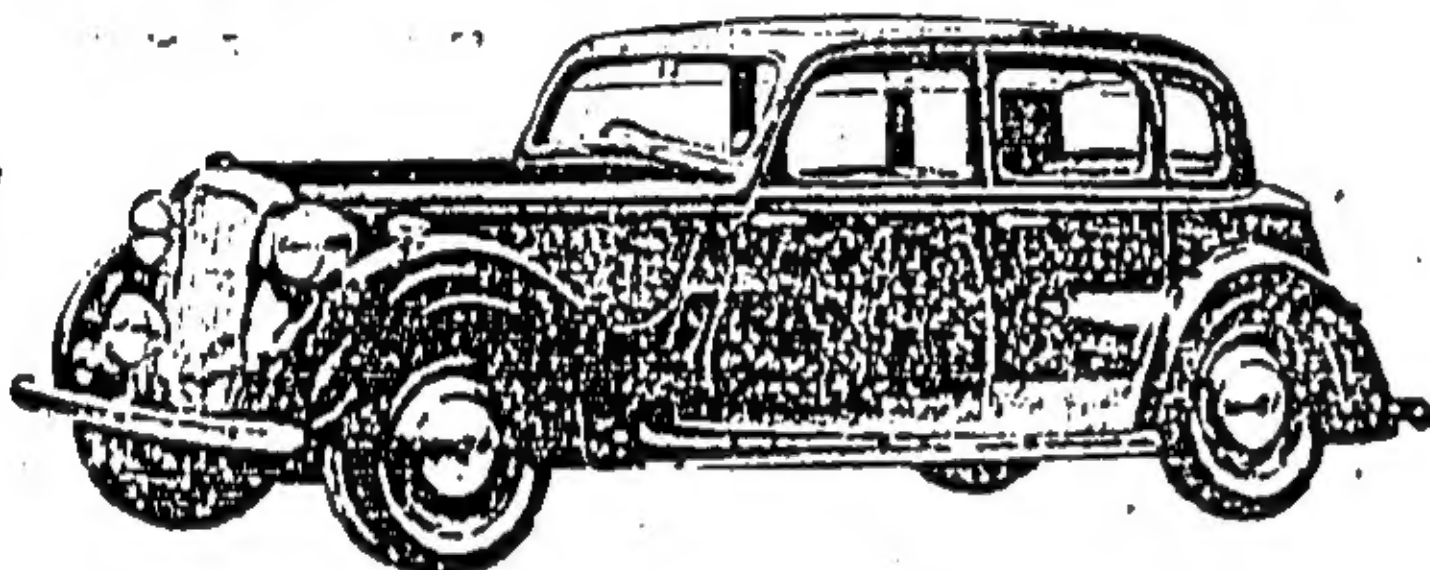
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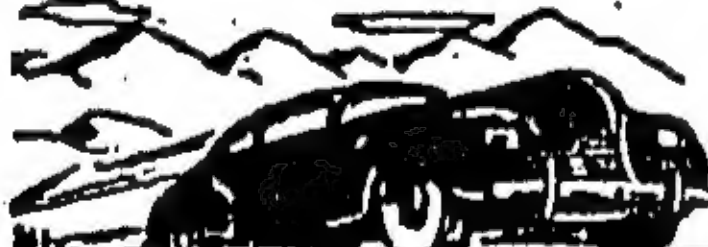
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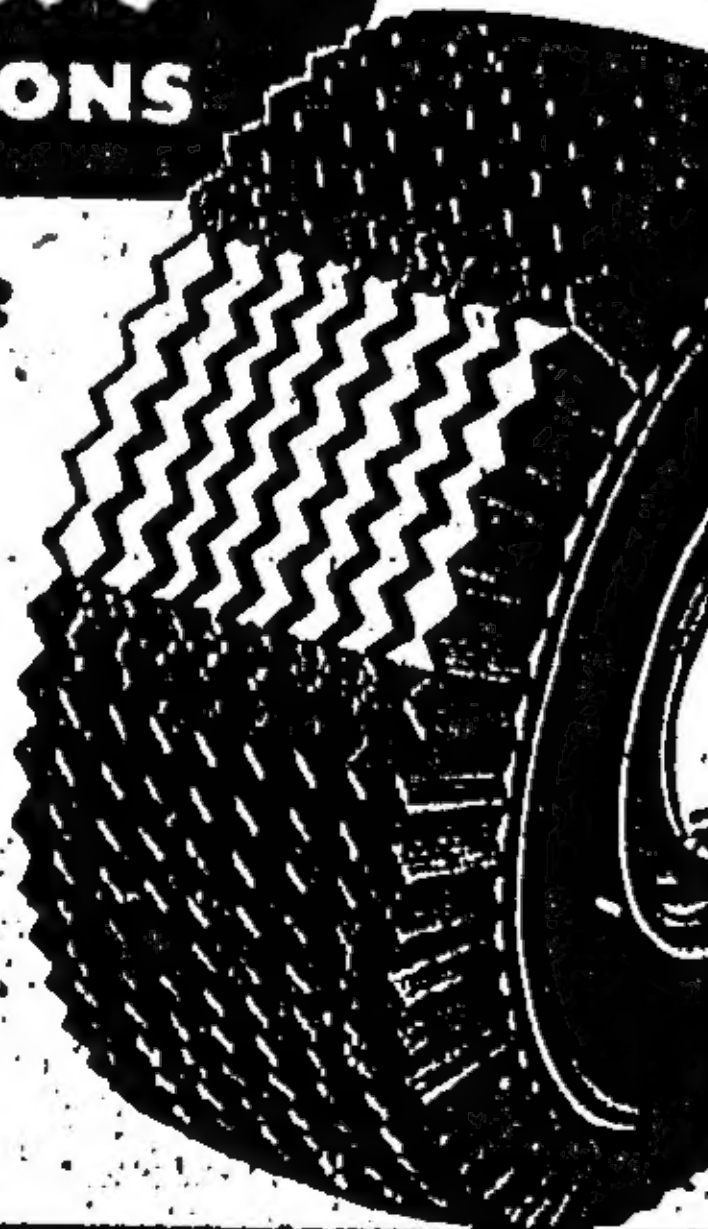
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MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

NEW MG TOURER MEETS AMERICAN EXPORT NEEDS

Of Americans it has been said that the men pay for their cars but the women buy them. To the young American with a wife and small family, then, the famous MG Midget may be highly desirable but is, nevertheless, unattainable. He must have four seats.

This was confirmed by Mr. S. V. Smith and Mr. Donald Harrison, respectively Oxford Regional Director and Sales Director of the Nuffield Organisation, on a recent visit to the U.S.A. and Canada.

On their return, the design and construction of an open four-seater touring car on the M.G. 1½ litre chassis was put in hand.

The chassis is similar in most respects to that used in the Series "X" 1½ litre Saloon, with the exception that the engine is fitted with twin carburettors and the steering and controls are on the left.

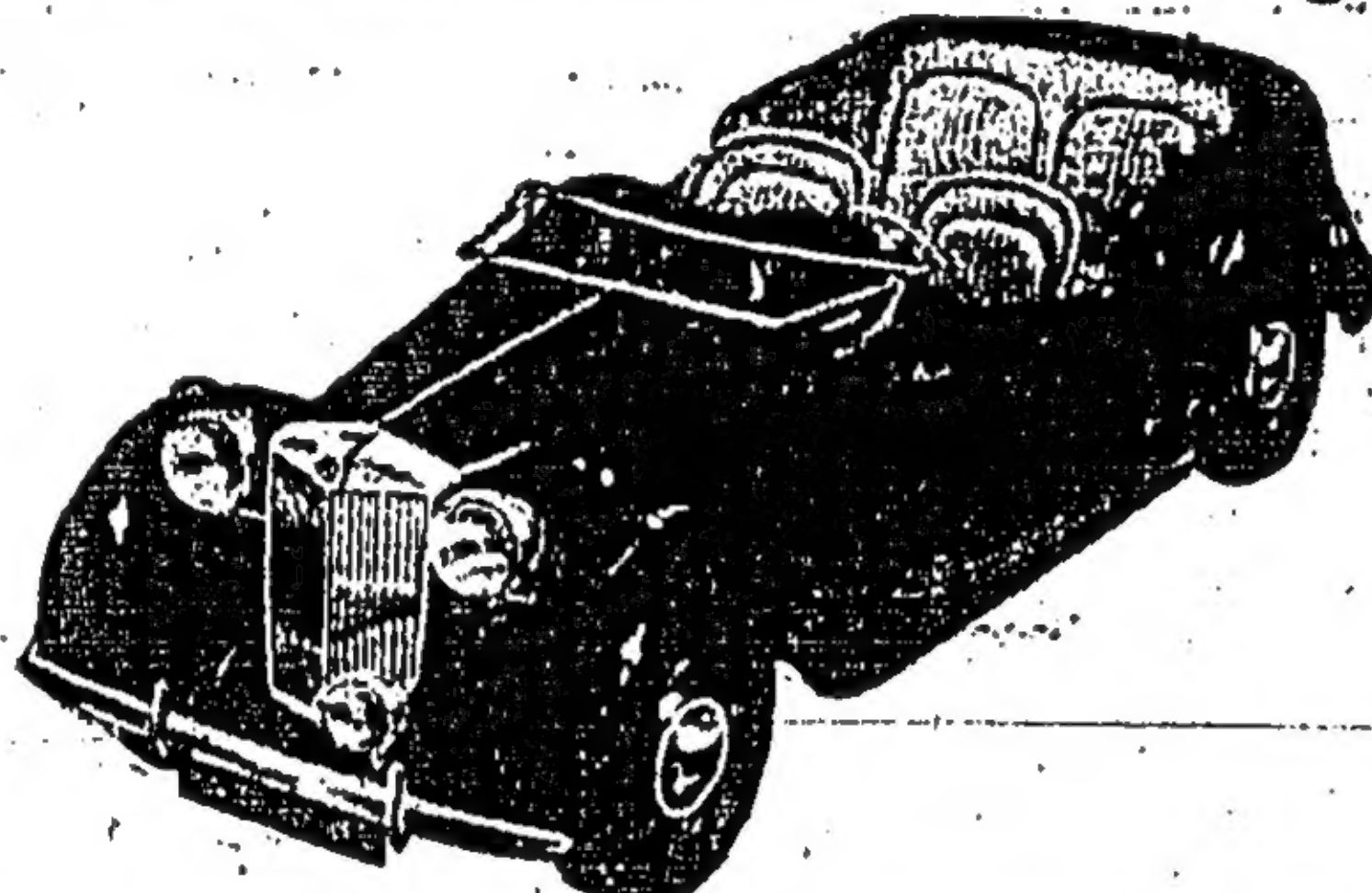
Unchanged is the exceptionally light and stiff electrically welded steel chassis frame, underlaid under the rear axle and terminated at its forward end by a very rigid boxed cross-member which carries wishbone mountings of the independently suspended front wheels. Here, the upper wishbones are themselves the

bucket-type seats in front, hinged at their forward ends, tip up and give access, through the two wide doors, to the rear seats. These are of ample width and, being forward of the rear axle, it has been possible to make them deep and low.

All-weather protection is given by an easily operated folding hood which, when down, disappears behind the rear seat and is covered by a small detachable tonneau cover. When raised, and in conjunction with the detachable rigid side-curtains, complete protection from wind and rain is afforded whilst retaining excellent vision.

For fine-weather motoring, the windscreen may be folded flat and, when only two seats are in use,

For Fine-Weather Motoring



For fine-weather motoring, the windscreen of the new 1½-litre MG Tourer may be folded flat. Should the sun be unbearably hot, the hood may be erected and the rear panel removed by means of two zip-fasteners to provide a free circulation of air.

Arms of the hydraulic shock absorbers, while the lower ones carry the massive coil springs.

Steering is effected by universally jointed extension from the ends of a rack, which lies transversely in the frame and is actuated by a pinion on the bottom of the steering column.

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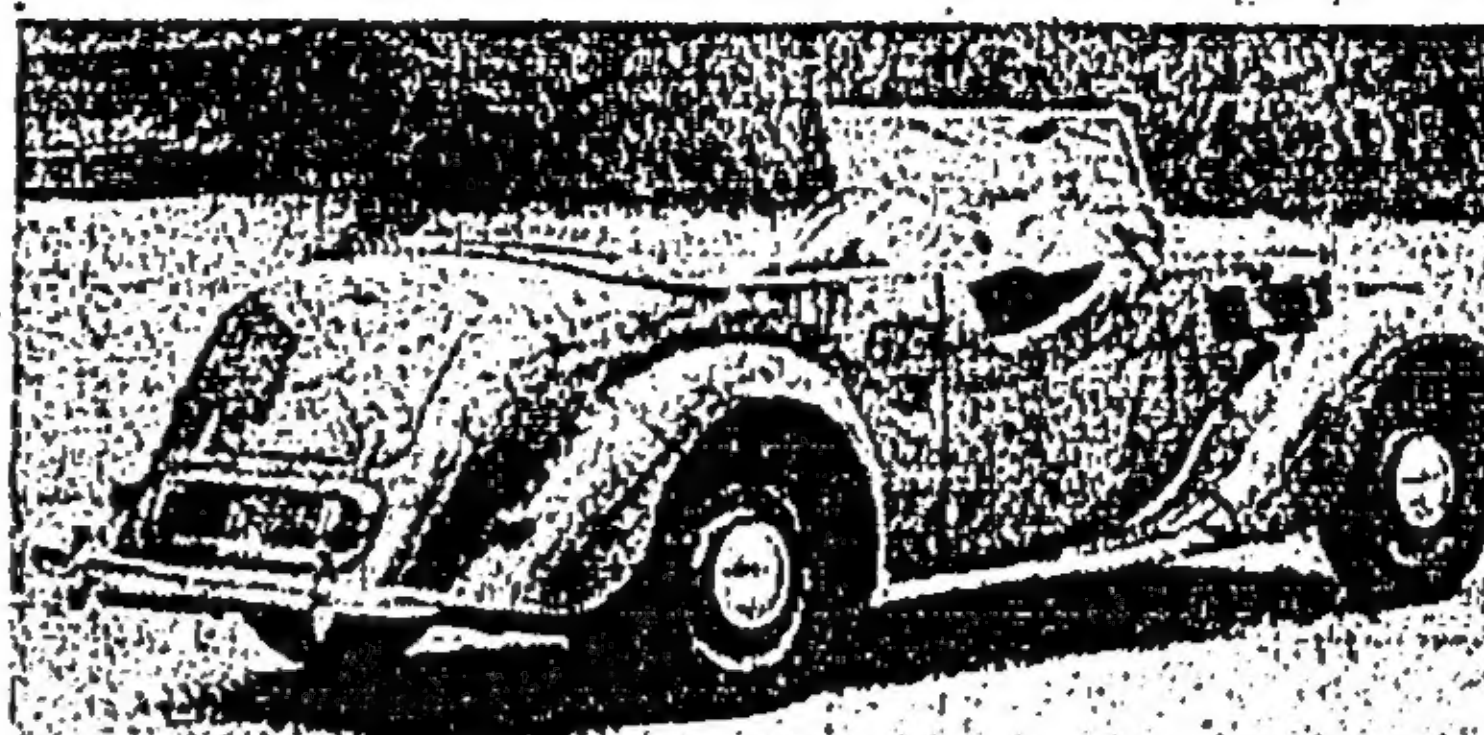
The engine is of typical MG design with overhead valves operated by push-rods. The four cylinders of bore 66.5 mm. and stroke 90 mm. give a capacity of 1,250 c.c. fed from twin SU semi-down-draught carburettors as used on the Series "TC" Midget. As the car is designed primarily for the export market, a large capacity oil-bath air cleaner and silencer are fitted.

On such a chassis is mounted a full four-seater open body.

the rear seats are completely covered by an additional tonneau cover. Should the sun be unbearably hot, the hood may be erected and the rear panel removed by means of two zip-fasteners to provide a free circulation of air.

Instruments are as used on the "TC" Midget, and include a five-inch speedometer and similar revolution counter, a clock, an ammeter, oil pressure gauge and fuel level gauge. Flashing direction indicators, in the American style, are provided by lights in housings in the rear wings, and by dual bulbs in the front wing-lamps. Both headlights have double filaments to give vertical dipping.

Built to meet an American need, this car will undoubtedly appeal to many Britons. It is an unfortunate but inevitable outcome of present conditions that they must be content, for the time being at all events, to view it at a distance.



This view of the 1½-litre MG Tourer shows the neat dashboard with large speedometer and revolution counter. The windscreen may be folded flat in fine weather, and directional indicators of the flashing type are provided in the rear wings, and by dual filament bulbs in the front wing lamps.

New Look Motorcars

Bodies of the new British motorcars "have" the "New Look," but it is no fashion-creating Dior who designed them. Even though one specialist motor firm have asked a West End woman couturier to assist them, the designs as a whole have a severely practical basis.

Today's new appearance is a natural result of evolution in motorcar design, just as surely as there has been a steady change in the design of cycles, aircraft, sewing-machines, electric irons, and furniture.

Aim of the car designer is still more room and comfort, with increased safety and no increase in weight. In short, beauty and true-utility as perfectly combined as possible.

If there had not been a war-time suspension of design, then some of to-day's cars would have been less noticeable to some motorists. The modern note would have been approached more gradually.

War-time suspension of design, as it turned out, was not valueless. The machinery in the car factories that turned out the bodies and other parts was used all through the war, mostly making for the Services. It wore out.

Today new machinery has taken its place, and entirely fresh designs are on exhibition as a result.

And Britain needed this ability, so soon after the war to sweep the world with new-looking motorcars. The world is car-hungry, and Britain is export-hungry. Both join in happy union.

New Designs

Now, about the new designs. Take: Running-boards. These have vanished. Now they are inside the doors, and narrower. Soon they may go altogether.

What was their original function? To allow women and the infirm to step into their high horse-carriages with all propriety and undisturbed. Horse-drawn carriages became lower-built, then came the horseless-carriage, or the motor-car.

This still had the "mounting step."

Next the car designers divided their vehicles into two compartments to allow four seats, and put a roof on. Two mounting steps, or running-boards, were then needed. So they joined them into one long step. And the resultant running-board held on for years.

But now cars are so low, women are only in danger of knocking off their hats as they enter. So why should they not step straight on to the floor of a car?

Result: quite suddenly, the modern car appears as a low and wide vehicle. Advantage? It is two-fold. There is more internal space, which in small-to-medium size cars is highly important. (In many new small cars passengers can now sit without touching each other, formerly often an exclusive feature of limousines). The other advantage is that weight: of the loaded car tends to spread over a wider area, leading to more stability in performance.

Recessed headlights. Some motorist-aesthetes believe the boldy attached headlamp was beautiful, and regret its passing. But not many appendages are beautiful. Attached headlights were purposeful, yes, but they did not necessarily add to the beauty of a car design.

Big advantage of the recessed lamp is that vibration cannot tilt it and thus lead to other road users being blinded at night. Small advantages—less chromium to clean, and the car's wind resistance is lowered a little.

Bull-in-wings. Ever since motorcars were invented their "guards" have seldom guarded against mud. Wet weather motorcars will no longer plaster cars with a thick film of mud. Downward-sloping hoods. They give better command of the road for the driver better view ahead.

for the passengers, and assist in the general smooth-line design, one of whose aims is to reduce wind-roar while travelling. Disc-wheels. Rapid spread of this type is logical. They are easier to clean, and look neater.

Other exterior amenities. There is an increased number of twin- and more prominent—rear lamps, making cars more recognisable when they are being overtaken at night.

Door handles are retiring into recesses and thus cannot catch at frocks or tug at sleeves, and, with disappearing door hinges, make a contribution to less wind noise.

Interior changes. Of these the marked adoption of under-the-steering wheel gear-change takes top place. The benefits are said to be—clearing of the floor of the obstructing gear lever, and the ability to perform the change without lifting a hand from the steering wheel. One-piece front seats for three passengers now become a practicable proposition.

Plenty of thought has gone into other improvements. Heaters and demisters are now popular; several cars have radio with speakers in front and rear, and some of the rear units can be controlled for selectivity and tone; radio receivers are no longer added to instrument panels, the cars are designed for rapid radio fitting; they are in effect built in.

Wider Cars

It is clear cars are becoming wider and lower overall, with every effort being made to preserve, and even improve, forward visibility. This is commendable; it results in better roadability, less noise while travelling, and more room inside. Nothing very Dior about that is there?

And the cars of the 1950 Show and onwards?

It is surprising to take another glance at John Cobb's "Railton-Special" land-speed record car. But for the long, streamlined tail, the general look is not far removed from that of many of the cars at this, the first post-war Motor Show. One essential difference is that his driving position, of course, was forward of the engine. Is this, then, the next big change to come in motorcar design?

England's motor-roads—when they arrive—will certainly allow cruising speeds of 80-90 m.p.h. Forward visibility on such roads will be vital to safety.

Monte Carlo

If all goes well, the classic Monte Carlo Rally will begin on January 24.

This midwinter adventure has been greatly changed. It will be run under the regulations for the 1948 event, which was never held. Now the course (about 1,500 miles) starts and finishes at Monte Carlo and runs in a sort of circular tour through Switzerland, Luxembourg, Holland, Belgium and France.

There are additional tangential routes which join in at intervals, starting from Glasgow, Prague, Florence, Oslo, Stockholm and Lisbon, all routes being about the same length and all carrying 1,000 marks. Standard closed cars alone are eligible.

TYRES DRIVEN OVER NAILS

Cars fitted with the new Goodyear tubelless tyres were driven over 3-in. spikes planted in the roadway at a demonstration of the new tyre in Akron, Ohio. It is stated that they retained their original air pressure, although the spikes pierced the tyres.

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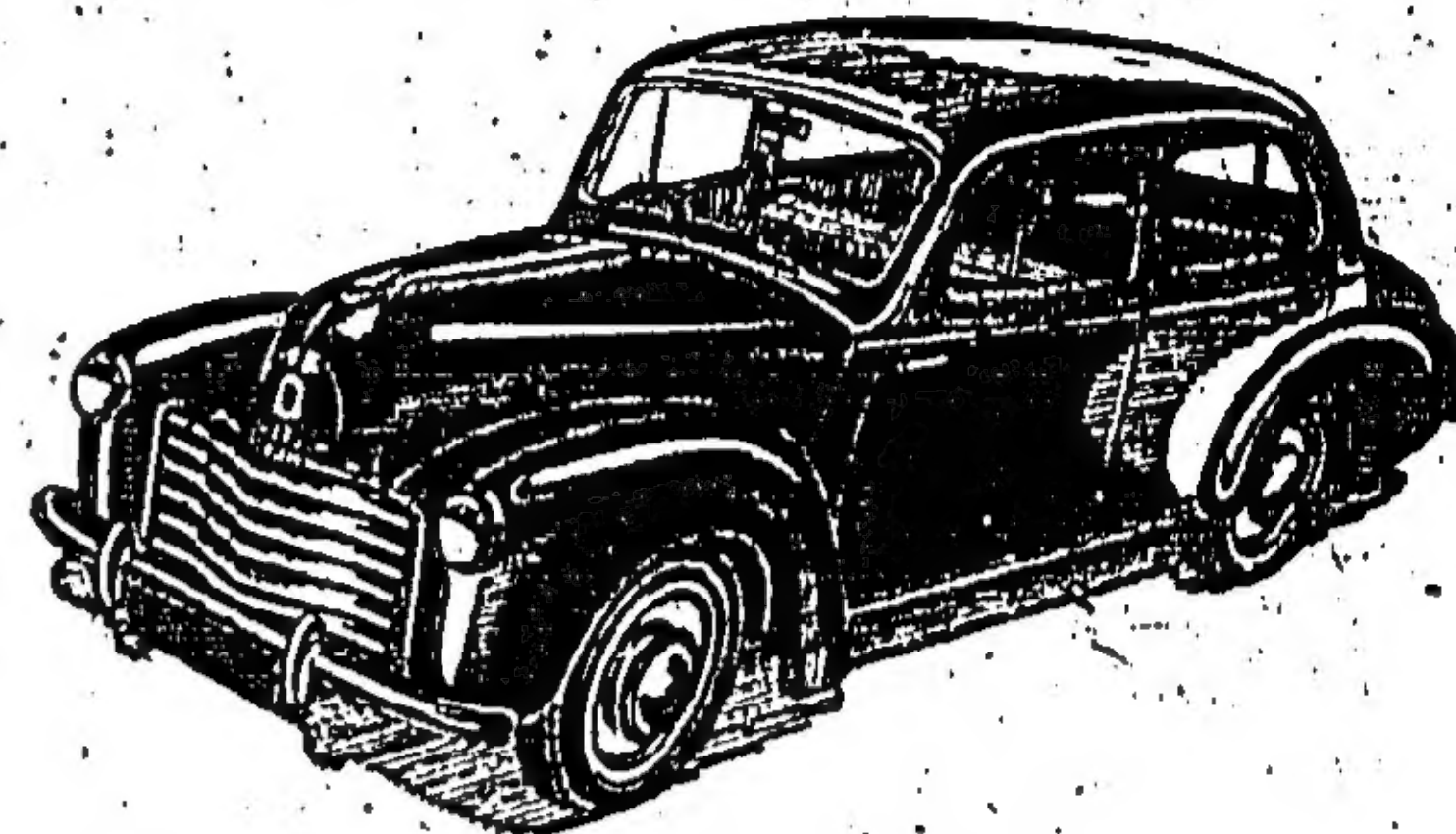
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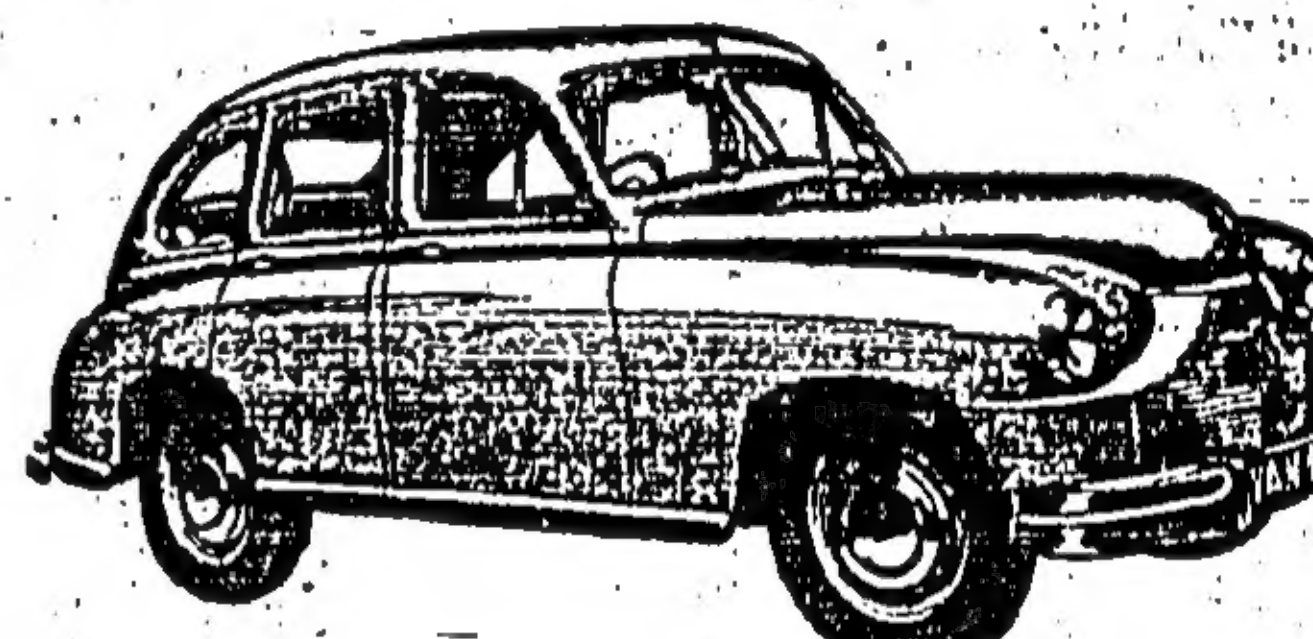
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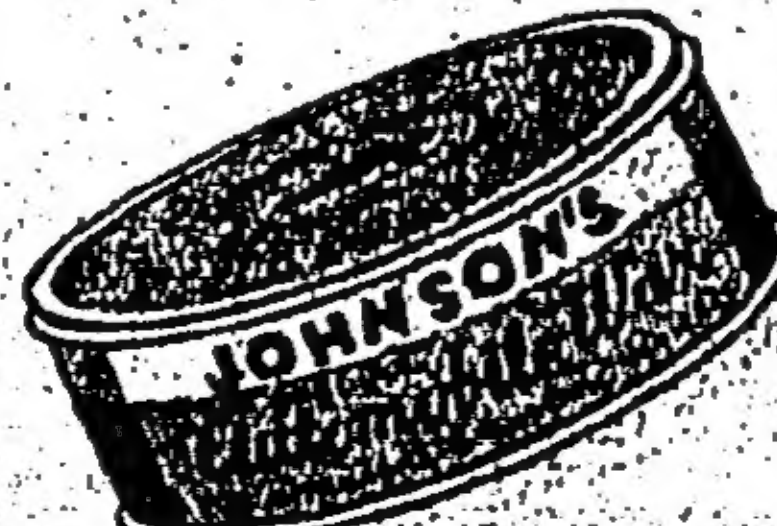
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Washington, January 13. The British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, made these four points when he saw President Truman today:

1. Britain regards the Jews as the aggressors in the present phase of the Palestine war.
2. Britain feels that unless the Jews and Arabs get a settlement, the security, tranquillity and peace of the Middle East will remain upset with results that can only benefit Communism.
3. Britain will regard a Jewish attack on the Red Sea port of Akaba or on any other part of Transjordan, as an attack on itself, and that King Abdullah has invaded the Anglo-Transjordan mutual defence treaty.
4. Britain does not intend to suspend the precautionary measures it has taken in the conflict area. (This includes the alerting of naval units in East Mediterranean bases, despatch of British troops to Akaba and plating of RAF airfields in the Suez Canal zone of Egypt on a war preparedness basis.)—Associated Press.

Liberal Peer Dies In Paris

Paris, January 13. Lord Derwent, Liberal Member of the House of Lords, died in a Paris hospital last night. He was taken ill on his way home from Switzerland.

Lord Derwent, who was 49 years old, was a former diplomat. He had been an honorary attaché at Warsaw, Brussels, Madrid and Bern. He was also a poet and author under the pen name of George Vandond.

His engagement to Senorita Carmen Gandarias, daughter of the Secretary to the Chilean Embassy in London, was announced in November. His first wife died at Bern in 1941. She was Comtesse Cabine Czaykowska, daughter of General Hlesco, a former Chief of the General Staff of the Rumanian Army.

After her death at Bern in 1941, Lord Derwent returned to Britain and joined the RAF in which he served from 1942 to 1944.

It was an illness involving lung trouble and pneumonia that sent him to Switzerland to recuperate.—Reuter.

Another One Gets Away

Vienna, January 13. Usually reliable sources reported tonight that General Albert Bartha, a former war minister in two Hungarian cabinets, including that of the now exiled Premier Ferenc Nagy, has reached Western Austria after fleeing from Hungary.

After being warned by friends that the Budapest political police were about to arrest him, the General was reported to have entered Austria illegally four days ago.

In 1946 Bartha took over the War Ministry in the coalition cabinet of Smallholders Party Premier Nagy, who submitted his resignation by telephone from Switzerland in May 1947, after the Russians had accused him of plotting treason.

General Bartha and three other ministers lost their cabinet seats in March, 1947, the War Minister being accused of holding pro-Western views.—Reuter.

MYSTERY VISIT TO GERMANY

Frankfurt, January 13. A German DEMA news agency despatch from Madrid reports that three important Spanish air officials today flew to Wiesbaden, in the American Zone of Germany, in a special aircraft placed at their disposal by the United States Embassy in Madrid. The agency gave the names of the officials as Senor de Duragar, the Spanish Under-Secretary for Air; Colonel Satorra of the General Staff of the Spanish Air Force; and Senor Klindelan, Air Company.—Reuter.

FLU EPIDEMIC

Vienna, January 13. An influenza epidemic is raging in the Austrian Tyrol, 400 new cases being reported daily in Innsbruck alone. Fatal cases are very few.—Reuter.

Washington, January 13.

President Truman denied today that relations between the United States and Britain are strained as a result of the developments in Palestine.

The President, who had exchanged views with the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, on Palestine questions earlier today, was asked to comment on the most recent developments, including the shooting down of five Royal Air Force planes by Israeli fighters in the Palestine-Egyptian frontier.

The President turned aside most questions, but he emphatically denied reports that the British planes were sent out at the request of the United States to investigate allegations that Israeli forces had invaded Egypt.

President Truman was then asked whether he thinks that relations between the United States and Britain are strained as a result of the developments. "They are not," he said, emphatically shaking his head.

He referred all other questions about the United States' foreign policy on Palestine to the statement made by Dr. Philip Jessup, representing the United States at a Paris meeting of the Security Council on November 20.

Growing Rift
Sir Oliver Franks, the British Ambassador, earlier today saw President Truman in an effort to bridge what is regarded in Washington as a growing rift between the British and American policies on Palestine.

Officials in the Capitol confirmed London reports that the Ambassador, on instructions from Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, gave the fullest possible explanation of the British Palestine policy in relation to the wider problem of stability and security in the whole Middle East. After his half-hour talk with President Truman, Sir Oliver told reporters that he had given the President the views of the British Government on the Palestine situation.

British Task Is A Major One

London, January 13.

One of Britain's major tasks in 1949 will be to expand her exports to hard currency markets, particularly the United States, Canada, Argentina, Belgium and Switzerland.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said this today. There is still need for great effort but the country is on the right path, the path that really does lead to the summit, he told a press conference.

The apparent visible adverse balance for December is £26,000,000, a decrease of £2,200,000 compared with November and the lowest for any month since January, 1947.

The apparent visible adverse balance for the whole year is £432,000,000, more than four-sevenths of which occurred in the first half of the year.

Calling for still greater efforts to earn dollars, Sir Stafford said: "We cannot and should not expect the United States to bear the whole burden of reconstruction and recovery."

The index of all industrial production in Britain reached

POPE'S MESSAGE

Vatican City, January 13.

The Pope will broadcast a radio message to the Apostolic Eucharistic Congress at Cali, Colombia, at 11.00 a.m. on the last day, January 30.

About 30,000 people are expected to attend the four-day Congress which opens on January 26.—Reuter.

Typist Bride An Offence

Capetown, January 13.

The Bamangwato tribe of Bechuanaland has warned its Chief Designate, Seretse Khama, at present in London, to renounce his bride, a London typist aged 24, and return to assume the leadership of the tribe.

Falling this, he will lose his right of accession to the chieftainship.

The tribe's ultimatum will go into effect after Seretse, aged 27, a former law student at Oxford University, completes his law studies at Oxford University, completes his law studies in London and takes his final examinations towards the end of this year.

The Johannesburg Afrikaans newspaper Transvaler reports that the tribe feels the Seretse has broken his contract with them by marrying a European without consultation and permission.

According to the newspaper, a memorandum conveying the tribe's decision to the British Government, says that bringing a European wife to Bechuanaland will cause tribal disunity and unrest.—Reuter.

Marooned 23 Days

Penzance, January 13. Two lighthouse keepers were relieved by a tug today after being marooned for 23 days on Wolf Rock, a lighthouse eight miles South West of Land's End.

The two keepers were none the worse for their long waiting. The lighthouse maintains a reserve of supplies sufficient for two months. Rough seas and gales had stopped all previous relief attempts.—Reuter.

Blonde At White House

Washington, January 13.

A young blonde sat on President Truman's desk today, picked off her cow-country boots, pulled a gun and took a playful head on the chief executive.

The blonde, attired in colourful Western costume, is Linda Brown of San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Truman was not at all disturbed when the beautiful young lady dangled her stockinged feet over the side of his desk. Nor were Secret Service men worried about the way she pulled a gun on America's most protected man.

Linda is four years old today. She visited the President in her role of poster girl for the annual March of Dimes to benefit the nation's foundation of infantile paralysis.—United Press.

America Approved British Flights

London, January 13.

At Foreign Office spokesman reaffirmed tonight that the account of the Anglo-American discussions on Jewish incursions into Egypt, issued earlier in the day by the Foreign Office, is accurate.

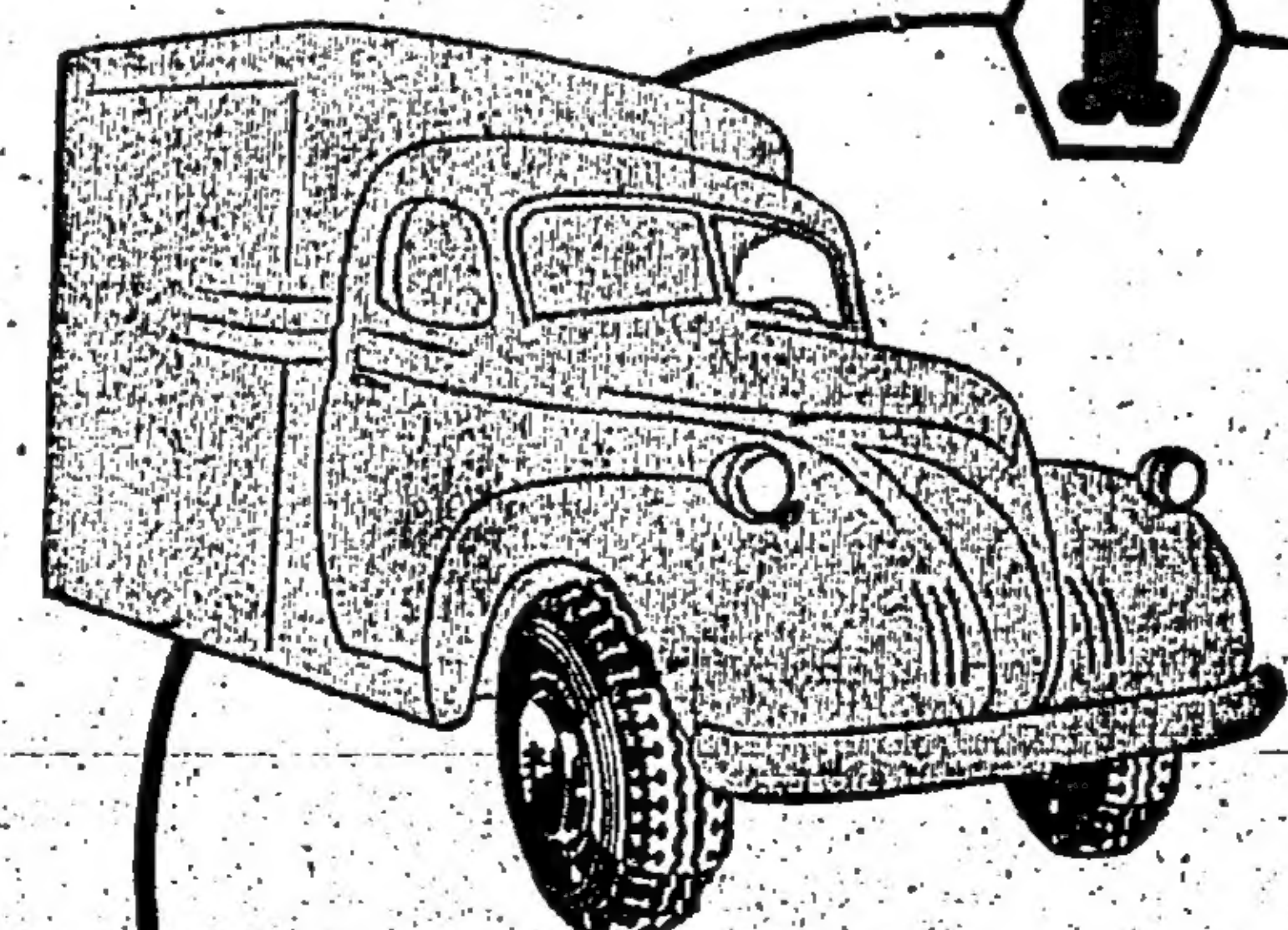
This reaffirmation followed a denial in Washington by the State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, that the United States Government had requested Britain to investigate Jewish troop movements on the Egyptian side of the Palestine frontier.

The Foreign Office statement had said that both the British and United States diplomats in discussions at the State Department had recognised the need for investigation of the position in the Sinai peninsula as the Israeli authorities had refused access to United Nations observers.

Reliable diplomatic sources in London said today that the recent British air reconnaissance flights over the Sinai peninsula district of Egypt, in the course of which five Royal Air Force planes were shot down by Israeli forces, were undertaken with the knowledge and approval of the United States Government.

The Foreign Office statement issued today said Britain undertook the flights on her own responsibility, as precise information as to the fact and extent of the Israeli incursion into Egypt was unobtainable from the United Nations, whose observers had been excluded from the area.

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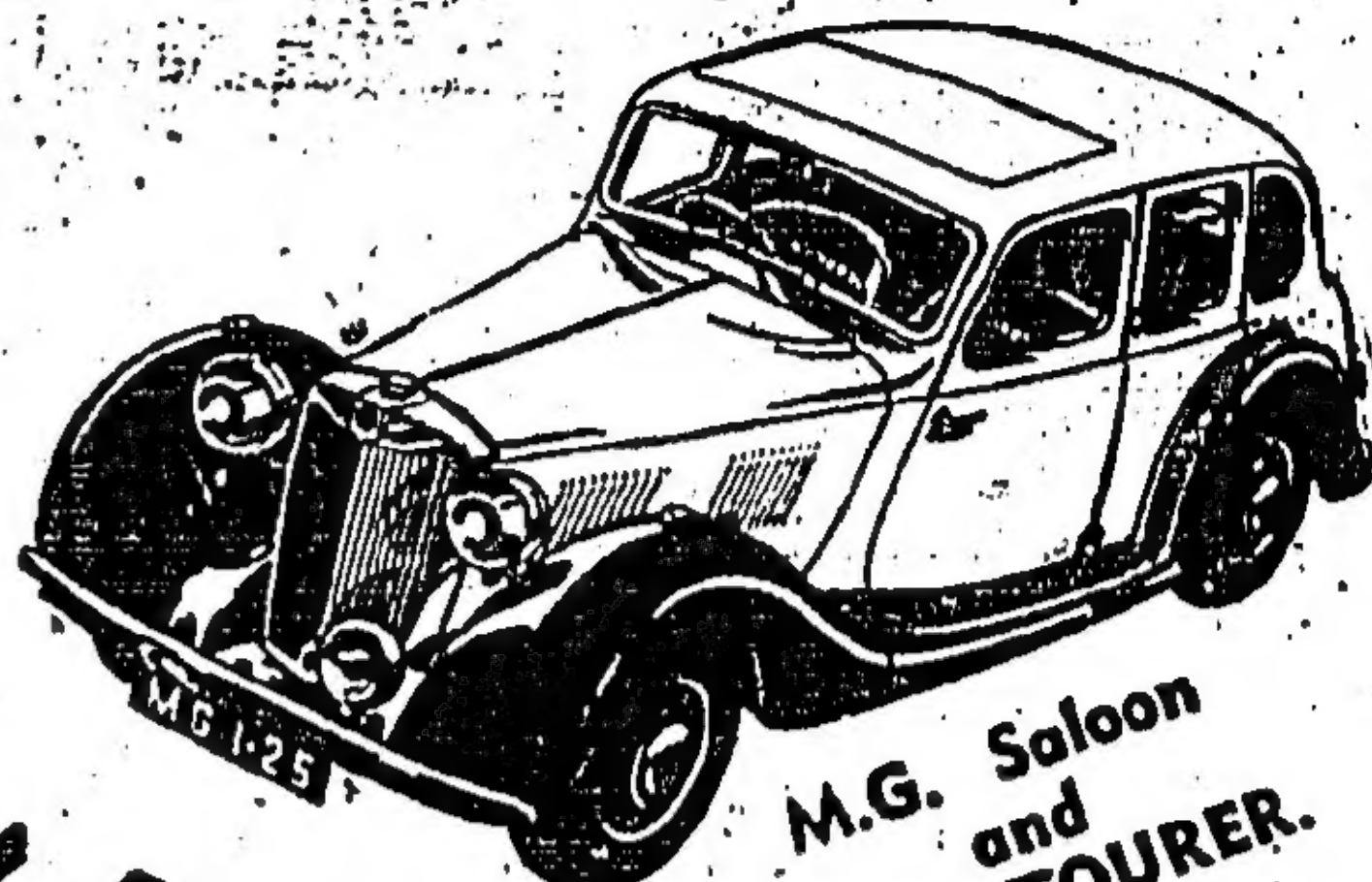
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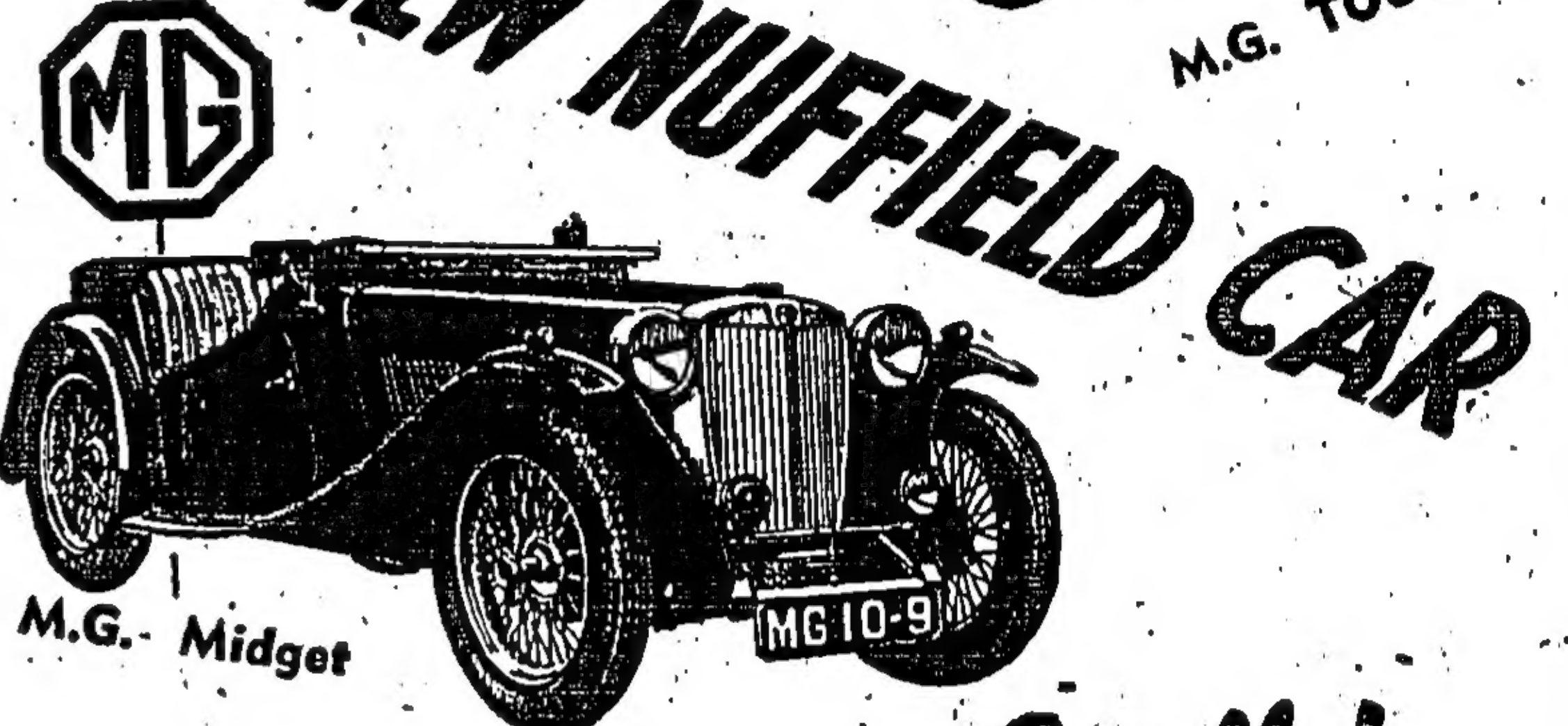
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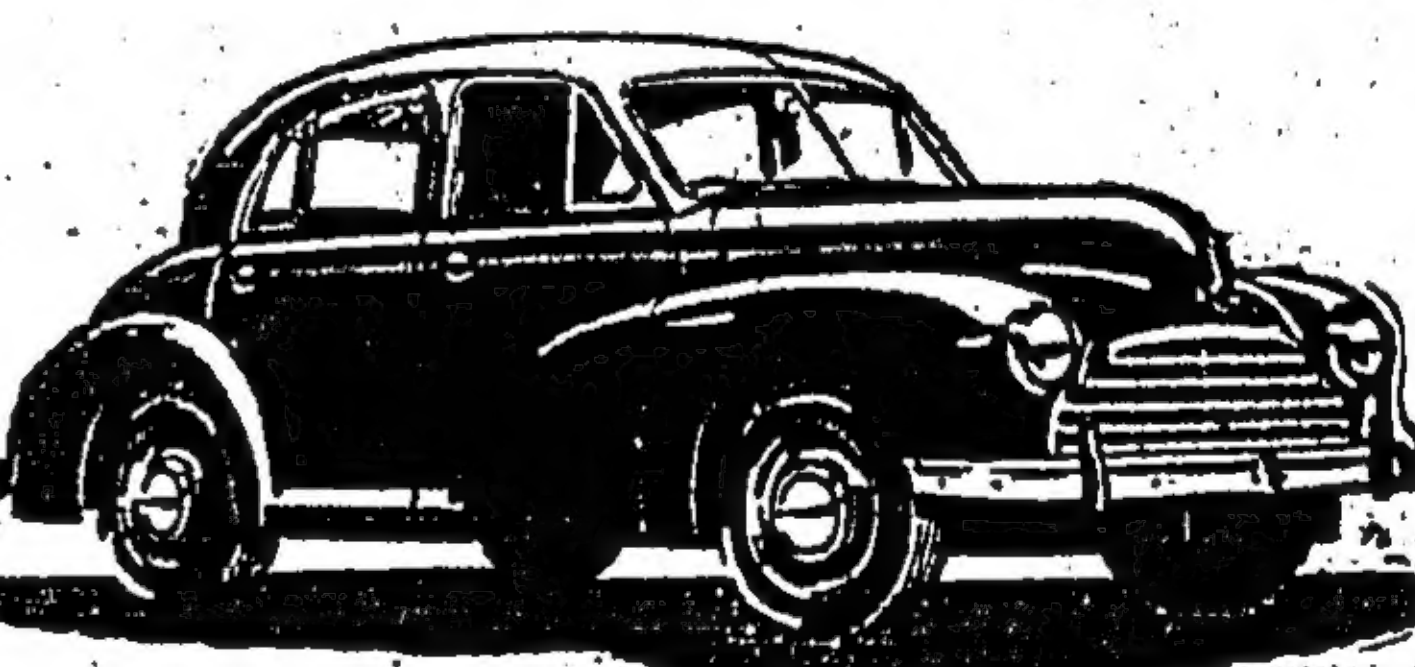
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CHINESE ENVOY CALLS AT STATE DEPARTMENT

Washington, January 13.

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, said today that he had discussed with the acting Secretary of State, Robert Lovett, the whole situation regarding peace in China.

Dr. Koo said the Chinese Government will continue to pursue its peace policy until it succeeds or until it is clearly proved that the Communists do not in any way care for the sentiments of the whole Chinese people for peace.

They Change Their Mind

Vienna, January 13.

Thirty thousand of the 70,000 South Tyrolese who chose to become German citizens during the war have now chosen to go back to South Tyrol.

South Tyrol came under Italian rule by the Treaty of Versailles, but the Hitler-Mussolini agreement of 1938 allowed residents in the area to choose between Italian and German citizenship. Of the region's quarter of a million population, 89 per cent chose Germany but only 70,000 actually left their homes. Then, in 1946, the Italians agreed under the de Gasperi-Gruber agreement to give the South Tyrolese regional autonomy and to devise some means of re-admitting the exiles.

Some South Tyrolese allege that they have been treated almost like displaced persons in Austria since the war.

Now afraid that they will not be granted full Austrian citizenship, they are applying in great numbers to return to their former homeland in Italy. The latest date on which they may apply is February 4.—Reuter.

The Children's Angel Flight

Casablanca, January 13.

Count Leonardo Bazzi and Signor Luaili, two Italian airmen flying a single engine monoplane, the "Children's Angel" to South America to raise funds for 15,000 war-wounded Italian children, left here today for Dakar.

From Dakar they will make their trans-Atlantic flight to Buenos Aires.

The "Children's Angel" is so small that all the available space has been given to fuel tanks— even a radio transmitter being sacrificed.

The Italians, who are carrying a precious cargo of St. Francis which they hope will safeguard them on their 13,000 kilometre flight, left Albenga, near Genoa, on January 7.—Reuter.

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The Ambassador declined to comment on a report that President Chiang Kai-shek's Government may move to Taiwan. He declined to confirm or deny that he had received any communications from the United States Government.

Press reports from London said the United States and Britain are working on a reply to the Chinese peace overtures. Dr. Koo said: "The Chinese Government looks on the whole situation as important not only to China but to the peace of the entire world."

He said his Government is not seeking mediation of the conflict in China, but is exploring various possibilities for peace.

Desire For Peace

Asked if he had delivered any communication from the Chinese Government, Dr. Koo replied that he had not. He said he discussed with Mr. Lovett the general Chinese situation.

He said: "The Chinese Government, in response to the wishes of the Chinese people has made known its desire for the restoration of peace in China and in fact has made peace overtures plain."

The overtures were obvious in the message of President Chiang Kai-shek on New Year's Day and in a more recent statement by Premier Sun Fo.

The Ambassador said the Nationalist Government did not ask the United States to act as mediator in the Chinese civil war but merely sought an expression of the American views.

Anglo-U.S. Stand

Pressed whether Mr. Lovett handed him a note from the United States Government, Dr. Koo told reporters that they will have to ask the State Department.

A State Department spokesman later said Mr. Lovett had not handed Dr. Koo any note.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the American and British Governments are exchanging views on China's request for their opinions on the Chinese situation.

Diplomatic quarters believe that the two Governments will reply that there is little useful advice that they can furnish at this time.—United Press.

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Trawler Gets Live Catch

London, January 13.

The "Dauntless" Star, an East Anglian herring trawler, is lying at Lowestoft trawl basin today with eight cylindrical mines she fished up in her trawl in the North Sea still lying on her deck.

Exports from the "Royal Naval mine disposal depot at Tynemouth, Newcastle, arrived at Lowestoft and found the mines are magnetic. Another expert is expected from Chatham tonight.—Reuter.

He Is No Mystery Man

London, January 13.

"Signor Enzo Colombo" whose jewellery was seized by customs officials from a London safe deposit yesterday, was not a mystery man said Mr. Max Bresch, a solicitor with offices in the Strand.

In an interview today, Mr. Bresch said: "Enzo Colombo just wanted to put his fortune in a safe place. It belongs to various members of his family."

"The jewellery arrived in England sometime between July and September 1939."

"I have cabled and written to Colombo, telling him that unexpected difficulties with the English customs authorities have arisen."

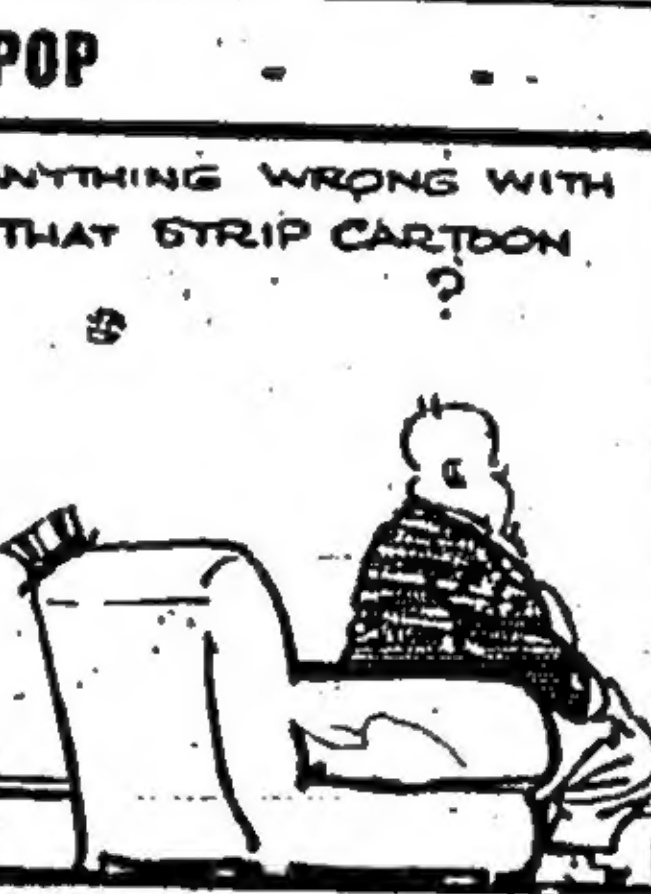
"Colombo got out of Italy and went to live in Monte Carlo where he stayed until 1946 when he went back to Italy. He was never resident in this country."—Reuter.

CIVIL SERVANTS TO STRIKE

Paris, January 13.

The General Union of Civil Servants Federation announced in Paris tonight that the employees of the French Ministry of Reconstruction will stage a warning strike of 48 hours on Friday and Saturday.

The strike is in support of claims for regrading, linking of salaries to the cost of living index, and the suspension of proposed staff reductions.—Reuter.



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NEHRU SAYS:

ASIAN CONFERENCE NOT ANTI-WESTERN

Calcutta, January 13.

Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, said today that the Asian Government conference on Indonesia on January 20 has no idea of forming an Asian bloc against the European countries or America.

The Premier said: "We have been opposed to joining any bloc for any hostile purpose and, therefore, we can hardly think of encouraging the formation of a new bloc of nations."

The conference is not opposed to any country or people. It is not anti-European, nor anti-American, nor anti-Western, but it is certainly opposed to conceptions of imperialism or colonialism.—He said.

Pandit Nehru added that his invitations to the Asian Governments and the Governments of Australia and New Zealand, to attend the conference had met with wide approval by those Governments and others.

An authoritative source in New Delhi said that the conference will keep its recommendations within the framework of the United Nations Charter and not seek to form an anti-Western bloc.

Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, Secretary General for India's external affairs, said it is his Government's view that any unilateral action by the Asian nations as a bloc will violate Article 41 of the United Nations Charter.

Article 41 states that the Security Council shall decide what measures to employ other than armed force to carry out its decisions.

Representatives from between 15 and 20 Asian countries will meet at the invitation of Mr. Nehru, to consider what action to take regarding recent Dutch military action in Indonesia.

Sir Girja said his Government believes the conference can go no further than recommending sanctions to the Security Council. As far as India is concerned, he said, the Netherlands need have no fear that the conference itself will decide to apply sanctions against the Dutch or take any other direct action on their own initiative.

The Socialist official organ, "Shakal Shimbun," lashed out at the Communist Party's newspaper "Akhatek" (Red Banner) for such a distorted claim.

It said the Communists are spreading talk of having formed a joint front with the Socialists for the purpose of aiding the Communist candidates for the House of Representatives, and simultaneously causing confusion among the Socialists.

The Socialist newspaper said Japan's number one Communist, Kyuichi Tokuda, for instance, approached Suzuki, running in the same electoral district in Tokyo for the Diet seat, that they refrain from attacking each other in the campaign.

The Socialist Party disavowed Tokuda's proposal, according to "Shakal Shimbun."

The Communists have 113 candidates for the House of Representatives and hope to elect at least 10, or an increase of six over the representation in the scandal-ridden House which was dissolved last month.—United Press.

FATHER AT 100

Capetown, January 13.

Henry Potis, a 100-year-old negro, became the father of a son today. His wife is 39.—United Press.

WITNESSES

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Russians Sail From Shanghai

Shanghai, January 14.

The first group of 491 White Russian refugees left early this morning aboard an IRO-chartered ship for Samar Island in the Philippine Islands.

The group consists mostly of technicians' dependents, embarking all yesterday on Shanghai's famous Bund. They will form the advance guard of 6,000 persons to be temporarily accommodated in the former United States base at Guilan on Samar Island.

The dock was jammed with friends and relatives as the evacuees lined the rails of the ss. Hwalien. There were few tears and many smiling faces as they called, "See you in the Philippines."

Inaugurating the movement of 6,000 White Russian and other stateless refugees to the Philippines, the first group is made up of Shanghai residents. About 1,500 evacuees from Tientsin, Tsingtao and Peiping will be leaving later and some perhaps may be airlifted as soon as air-lines and the IRO can get together to settle the current dispute regarding which lines are to get business.—United Press.

JAP SOCIALISTS DE NOUCE REDS

Tokyo, January 13.

The Socialists today denounced the Communists for claiming the existence of a joint front with the Socialists in the current campaign for national elections on January 23.

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Contract Case Comes To An End

Judgment was reserved yesterday by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) in the case in which a claim has been lodged for specific performance of a contract entered into shortly before the occupation of the Colony by the Japanese.

In the course of yesterday's hearing, Yong Loo-lin, a Director of the Shing Tet Thong Co., Ltd., said that in November 1941, he had considered the likelihood of Hong Kong being invaded by the Japanese in the event of war.

He first considered that the Japanese were likely to lose the war in 1944.

The contract in question relates to the sale of Nos. 7 and 10 Lee Yuen Street, Hong Kong, and was made between Kwok Yu-chuen and Wong Chok-chiu, plaintiffs, and the Shing Tet Thong Co., Ltd., defendants.

Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y.H. Chan of Messrs. Tho and Hodgson, represented the plaintiffs, while Mr. Charles Lase-

English Richest Language

"From a humble and almost unknown origin, English has developed into the richest language until today it covers the whole world. It seems likely that English will become the sole diplomatic and commercial medium."

Thus spoke Mr. Robert Bruce, Hong Kong representative of the British Council, in a lecture to the English Discussion Club of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night.

The lecture was illustrated with the screening of a film entitled "The History of the English Language". Mr. Bruce pointed out that while Chinese is spoken by more people than English, its distribution is limited, whereas English spans the entire world.

The film traced the development of the original Celtic branch of the Indo-European family of languages, limited to the British Isles, into the English known all over the world today. It explained how new words were introduced into the Celtic tongue, over the centuries, by the Scandinavian, French, Teutonic, and Roman invaders.

Mr. Bruce suggested to his listeners the habit of borrowing words from English and other languages to enrich the Chinese language and to help express themselves better.

In the course of his lecture, Mr. Bruce put his suggestion into practice by borrowing words from the Cantonese dialect.

HE WALKED ON GOLD BARS

Six gold bars, three tied under each foot, were found on Leung Ming when he was searched at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station on Thursday afternoon.

Upon the application of Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox, the gold, 30 taels in weight, was ordered to be confiscated when Leung came before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to answer to charge of exporting gold.

WRECK OFFERED FOR SALE

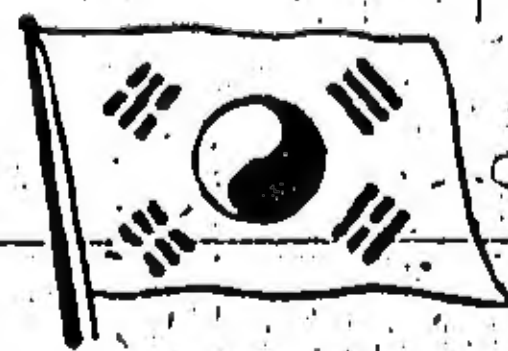
The U.S. Maritime Commission yesterday offered for sale the cargo ship Amelia Earhart. The ship went aground last November on a coral reef in the Natona Islands, 300 miles from Singapore.

It recently dumped 8,000 tons of its bauxite cargo into the South China Sea.

The vessel cost the U.S. Treasury, USS1,000,000. Associated Press.

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Scorched Earth By Sumatra Guerillas

Singapore, January 14. The Indonesian Republican office here said the Sumatra emergency government has broadcast details of extensive scorched earth tactics against the Dutch.

Dr. Mohammad Isa, Civil Governor of South Sumatra, radioed that Dutch soldiers arrived to find rail cars in ravines, bridges blasted or blocked by fallen trees and more than 1,000 warehouses aflame.

He said: "What remains of territory for the Dutch to exploit is charred goods and ashes," the broadcast said.

Dr. Isa was quoted as saying the Tabaping Red Palm Estate, capable of producing 200 tons of palm oil monthly, was set afire. He added that scattered oilfields between Palembang and Jambi are ablaze with buildings and refineries destroyed.

Buildings in Lampung were set on fire and the central power station at Lubuklinggau destroyed.

He declared many couriers had joined the guerilla forces.

Associated Press.

Dutch Premier's Meeting With Javanese Leader

Batavia, January 13.

The Dutch Premier, Willem Drees, and the Indonesian leader, Professor Supomo, conferred for an hour yesterday.

It is the first contact between the Dutch and the Republicans since the Netherlands attack on December 19.

The meeting took place at the palace of the Dutch High Commissioner, Louis Beel. A Dutch spokesman describes the

Prohibited Fireworks

"Had any of the occupants lost their lives in the fire, defendant would have been charged under another section of the Ordinance and a prison sentence would have been asked for without the option of a fine" remarked R. A. J. Brooks, Divisional Officer, Fire Brigade, when he prosecuted Mak Po-kiang at Central yesterday.

As a result of the fire that took place at No. 90 Ke Shing Street, ground floor, on Wednesday night when one of the folds was injured defendant appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo on charges of possession of 4,335 lbs. of fireworks contrary to the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance of 1901 and possession of prohibited fireworks.

Mr. Brooks said that some time in April last year, defendant was issued with a permit to store 400 lbs. of fireworks, the maximum amount permitted, at the same time being given a letter with the conditions of storage.

On Thursday night, the Fire Brigade received a call to the premises and it was only the splendid work of the firemen that avoided another possible disaster. In the premises were found 5,000 lbs. of fireworks.

Defendant was fined \$200 and the goods ordered to be confiscated.

GODOWN FIRE IN KARACHI

Karachi, January 13. Godowns containing cotton bales and cotton seeds were ablaze for three hours today in one of the biggest fires in Karachi's history.

The city's entire fire fighting forces mobilised. They were assisted by police, volunteers and sailors from the nearby naval barracks. Eight godowns were destroyed. First reports put the damage at £250,000.—Reuter.

Withdrawal Not Practical

The heads of the Indonesian Federal States, meeting in private, have recommended that representatives of the former Republican territories be associated with the setting up of an interim Federal Government.

Meanwhile the early release of the Indonesian Republican leaders, captured by the Dutch in their recent "police" action, is being strongly urged by leading Republicans in Batavia itself.

Mr. Darmasutawan, confidant of the Prime Minister, Dr. Hatta, and chief adviser to the Republican delegation, told Reuter that in view of the Dutch troop penetrations and the dispersal of the Republican forces, an immediate withdrawal of Dutch troops will not be a practical step for either side.

Representatives of the United Nations Good Offices Committee will fly to Bangka Island on Saturday to interview Republican leaders, the spokesman announced today.

To See Hatta

He said the American, Belgian and Australian members will travel aboard a Dutch aircraft to establish contact with the Republican Premier, Mohammed Hatta, and the chairman of the Republican delegation, Dr. Mohammad Rum.

News correspondents will not be allowed to accompany the United Nations mission. The Good Offices Committee will return to Batavia the same day, in order that their report may be submitted to the Security Council at the earliest possible moment.

Republican sources continue to report widespread guerilla activity. Some preliminary reports of the military situation by observers are now in the hands of the Good Offices Committee.—United Press and Reuter.

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"CANTON"	10th March	11th April
"CARPENTER"	7th April	6th May
"CORFU"	1st May	11th June

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"CANTON"	21st January	21st February
"CARPENTER"	18th February	21st March
"CORFU"	14th March	18th April
"CANTON"	10th April	15th May
"CARPENTER"	18th May	18th June
"CORFU"	6th June	11th July

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"BURAT"	due 15th Jan. from Japan. sails 20th Jan. for London & Continent via Straits & Colombo.
"TREVEAN"	due 1st Feb. from Japan & Shanghai. sails 2nd Feb. for Straits, Bombay, Karachi, London & Continent via Straits.
"ROMALI"	due 15th Feb. from London & Continent via Straits.
"TREVELYAN"	due 19th Feb. from London & Continent via Straits.
"TRIVINCE"	due 26th Feb. from London & Continent via Straits.
"ROMALI"	sails 28th Feb. for Shanghai & Japan. sails Mid March for London & Continent.

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"TITJALENGKA" from Macassar & Javaports 22nd Jan.	to Javaports & Macassar 3rd March.
"TISADANE" from Macassar & Javaports 4th Feb.	to Javaports & Macassar 17th Feb.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"TEGELBERG" from Shanghai 22nd Jan.	to Shanghai 25th Jan.
"RUYS" from South America & South Africa 25th Jan.	to South Africa & South America 25th Feb.
"STRAAT BOENDA" from South Africa 9th March.	to South Africa & South America 22nd March.
"BOISSEVAIN" from South America & South Africa 29th March.	to South Africa & South America 18th April.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America & South Africa 9th March.	to South Africa & South America 21st May.

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Arrivals	Sailings
"TASMAN" from Amoy 19th Jan.	to Singapore 21st Jan.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell 27th Jan.	to Straits & B. Dell 4th Feb.
"VAN HEUTSZ" In port	to Straits & B. Dell 20th Feb.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
"MEERKREK" from Japan 27th Jan.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 28th Jan.
"RIJNKER" from Europe Early Feb.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid Feb.
"MELISKERK" from Europe Early March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid March.
"MARIEKERK" from Europe Early April.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid April.

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CHEAPER WINES AND SPIRITS EXPECTED IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, January 13.

Decentralised prices of imported wines and spirits are expected ultimately to mean slightly cheaper drinks for Britain, but the present high prices have not yet fallen much. Control of maximum retail prices and wholesale prices of all imported wines and spirits was abandoned on January 1.

London Stock Exchange

London, January 13. There was certain nervousness in the London Kaffir market today. Prices showed sharp declines on small selling by London and Cape operators.

An uncertain upturn has been created by firms that has been on share transactions in South Africa may be curtailed.

Other sections were mainly steady but little, but Government stocks showed consistent firmness throughout the day. Goldmines of the Palestine situation brought a slightly more confident tone to the market but there was no expansion of trade.

Industrialists were inclined to follow the all-around lead during the earlier part of the session but small gains had occasionally been lost at the close.

Profit-taking in breweries resulted in declines of a few pence in those issues. Speculative buying assisted Ceechole railway bonds and was prompted by hopes of a resumption of sinking fund operations.

The oil market failed to hold initial gains and finished with occasional small losses on the day. Anglo-Persian oil was the exception, with a sharp rise on reports of an oil find in the Black Desert.

SECURITIES: British Consols, 2 1/2% 100/10; Conversion Loan, 4 1/2% 100/10; Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 100/10; War Loan, 4 1/2% 100/10; Victory Bonds, 4 1/2% 100/10.

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FUNDING: Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 100/10; National War Bonds, 2 1/2% 100/10; 1940/51 100/10; 1941/52 100/10; 1942/53 100/10; 1943/54 100/10; 1944/55 100/10; 1945/56 100/10; 1946/57 100/10; 1947/58 100/10; 1948/59 100/10; 1949/60 100/10; 1950/61 100/10; 1951/62 100/10; 1952/63 100/10; 1953/64 100/10; 1954/65 100/10; 1955/66 100/10; 1956/67 100/10; 1957/68 100/10; 1958/69 100/10; 1959/70 100/10; 1960/71 100/10; 1961/72 100/10; 1962/73 100/10; 1963/74 100/10; 1964/75 100/10; 1965/76 100/10; 1966/77 100/10; 1967/78 100/10; 1968/79 100/10; 1969/80 100/10; 1970/81 100/10; 1971/82 100/10; 1972/83 100/10; 1973/84 100/10; 1974/85 100/10; 1975/86 100/10; 1976/87 100/10; 1977/88 100/10; 1978/89 100/10; 1979/90 100/10; 1980/91 100/10; 1981/92 100/10; 1982/93 100/10; 1983/94 100/10; 1984/95 100/10; 1985/96 100/10; 1986/97 100/10; 1987/98 100/10; 1988/99 100/10; 1989/00 100/10; 1990/01 100/10; 1991/02 100/10; 1992/03 100/10; 1993/04 100/10; 1994/05 100/10; 1995/06 100/10; 1996/07 100/10; 1997/08 100/10; 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